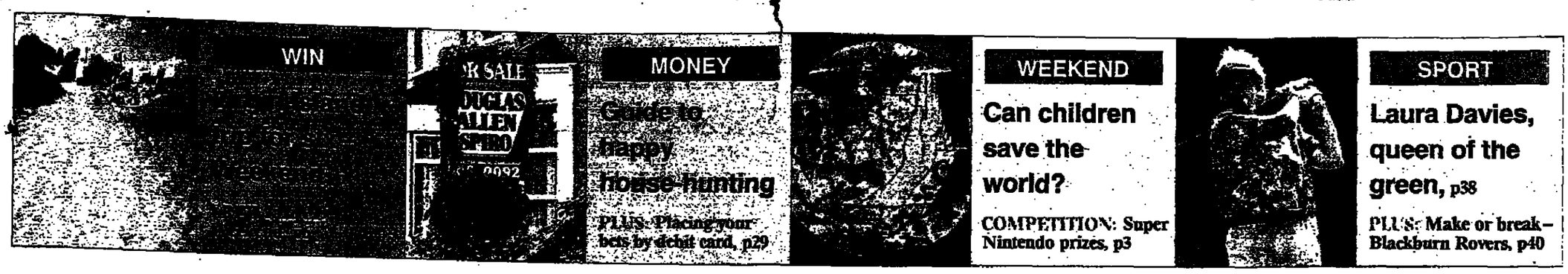
هكذا من الأصل



THE TIMES

40P

No. 64,918 SATURDAY APRIL 2 1994

● Police investigate high wind factor ● Park rides shut after Bank Holiday tragedy

Boy killed on fairground water chute

BY BILL FROST AND ROBIN YOUNG

A BOY aged nine was killed and his father and brother injured on an Easter outing in South Wales yesterday when a fairground water chute was struck by an overhead lighting arch, possibly loosened by gale-force winds.

The accident has again raised questions about the safety of funfair and amusement park rides. Since 1986 there have been 11 fatal accidents at such parks in Britain. Witnesses expressed astonishment yesterday that the rides were still operating in high winds, which have caused mishaps at other amusement parks in the past.

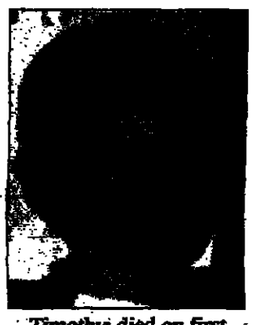
Yesterday was the first day of the season at Coney Beach Pleasure Park, in Porthcawl, Mid Glamorgan, where the accident happened. Fifteen miles across the Bristol Channel at Minehead, Butlin's closed its only high ride, the big wheel, because of strong winds. The reopening of the Barry Pleasure Park, near Cardiff, was postponed after winds damaged a 40ft helter-skelter.

Police named the dead child as Timothy Morgan, of Roath, Cardiff. His father, Christopher Morgan, 46, had surgery in the Princess of Wales hospital in Bridgend last night for serious chest injuries. Timothy's brother David, 15 suffered facial injuries. Three other schoolboys on the ride were also injured.

The accident occurred when debris crashed down on the chute, described as one of the main attractions at the park. The car was on the steep slope heading for the water at the climax of the ride, at about 12.20pm. It had been open less than two hours.

The water chute has been one of the most consistently popular rides at the fairground for 20 years. The car is slowly winched to the top of a track 50 ft above the ground. It turns on a U-bend before hurtling down into a pool of water. Witnesses said yesterday that the carriage was knocked off its tracks by the force of the impact.

Dave James, who saw the accident, said: "Some of the overhead lighting came down on to the track just as the ride was gathering momentum. It happened half-way down the steep drop into the pool of water at the bottom. The little boy appeared to be hit by the something and was thrown out."



Timothy: died on first day of park's season

Firemen were the first to reach the dying boy. Witnesses said that he had been thrown from the chute on to the roof of a fish and chip shop.

Roger Vaughan, of the Mid-Glamorgan ambulance service, said: "It was absolute chaos. Holidaymakers were running around in tears. The car was hit by the lighting hoop, which caused one of the most dreadful accidents we have ever dealt with."

Two attendants on the ride were treated in hospital for shock. Police sealed off the chute last night as an investigation was launched.

Safety at fairgrounds and amusement parks is governed by a code of practice administered by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in association with the Showman's Guild of Great Britain and the British Association of Leisure Parks, Piers and Attractions. The safety guidelines were introduced after five children died in a roller-coaster accident at Battersea in May 1972.

The HSE code does not relate to weather conditions. A spokeswoman said yesterday: "It is the responsibility of each owner or operator to judge whether conditions are suitable." Most operators have a specification for each of their attractions, limiting the conditions under which it is allowed to operate.

Throughout the day high winds had battered Wales, with coastal areas experiencing the worst of the weather. Gusts of up to 100 mph were recorded in South Wales on the previous night.

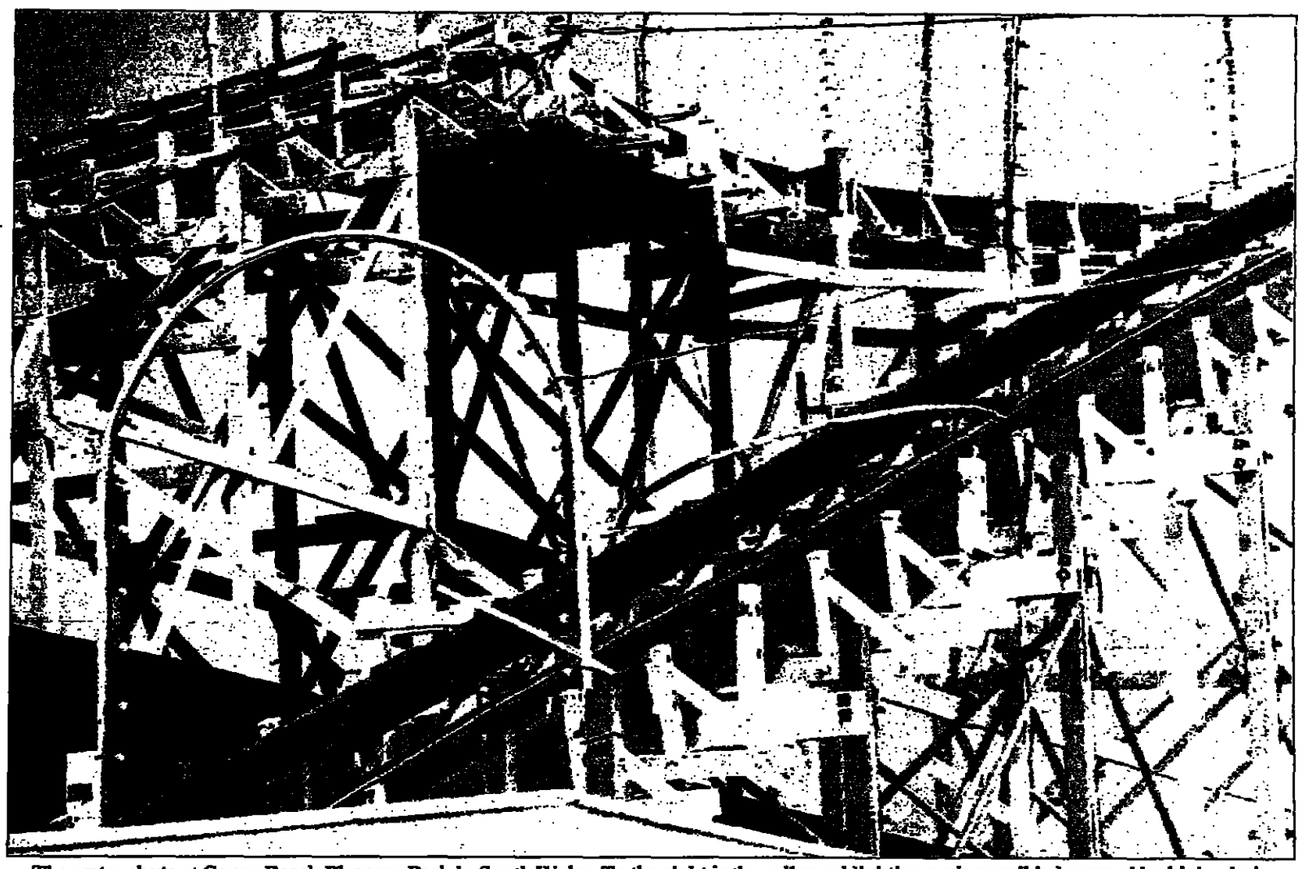
Some visitors to the amusement park expressed surprise that the rides were all open. Peter Penberthy, 42, of Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan, said: "It was blowing a gale and all the fixtures were swinging around in the wind."

Pat Evans, owner of the pleasure park, issued a statement through his solicitor last night. He said that he had been in the business for 50 years and such an accident had never happened before at the fairground.

Det Supt John Williams, of South Wales police, said: "The ride was checked prior to the commencement of the season a week or two ago. The owner thought the weather conditions were suitable for the ride to be used."

Under the HSE code, independent engineers carry out inspections of all rides and fairground equipment, and

Continued on page 2, col 4



The water chute at Coney Beach Pleasure Park in South Wales. To the right is the collapsed lighting arch, possibly loosened by high winds

Gales delay ferries, close roads and cut power lines

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

GALES and high seas pounded the coast yesterday and caused chaos and misery for thousands of holidaymakers trying to leave Britain by ferry.

Passengers were stranded for hours at ports after services were cancelled or delayed, and motorists queued for six miles on approach roads to Ramsgate and Dover. Hovercraft services from Dover to Calais, Seacat services from Folkestone to Boulogne and Jetfoil services from Ramsgate to Ostend were cancelled. Operators issued warnings that it could be tomorrow before services returned to normal. Passengers were being transferred to ferries, most of which were running despite the weather.

Those lucky enough to secure a place on board found that Channel crossings were being delayed for up to three hours by strong winds which stopped ferries berthing, especially at Calais. Tugs were needed to bring ferries safely into Dover. A P&O super-ferry, *Pride of Bilbao*, was stranded in the Spanish port for 18 hours unable to pass through the Bay of Biscay and was not expected to arrive in Portsmouth before noon today. On the rest of the South Coast, flooding and shingle swept in from the sea closed roads at Bexhill, Eastbourne, Weymouth and Lyme Regis. Speed restrictions were in force on bridges across much of Britain.

Eleven thousand homes from Cornwall to Bristol were left without power, and falling trees brought down power lines in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and in north Devon. Torrential rain in Wales brought floods and power failures to 4,000 homes. In Cornwall, coastguards criticised children playing "chicken" with waves.

Poor weather in the North of England failed to stop thousands of trippers heading for Blackpool and the Lake District. About 200,000 people are expected to fly out from Heathrow today and tomorrow.

The London Weather Centre said gales should ease off over the weekend as the low pressure heads towards Norway. Hail and thunder are expected today and tomorrow will start dry but rain and wind will spread eastwards later.

Forecast, page 20
Easter outings, Weekend, page 23

Round world in 74 days

Robin Knox-Johnston yesterday smashed the non-stop round-the-world record, by five days. He crossed the finishing line, in a 92 ft catamaran ENZA New Zealand, at Ushant, France, in 74 days, 22 hours, 17 min 22 sec. Last year he and his co-pilot, Peter Blake from New Zealand, abandoned their first attempt after 26 days .....Page 3

INDEX

Births, marriages, deaths	18
Business	21-33
Chess	10
Court and Social	18
Crossword	20
Leading articles	17
Letters	17
Obituaries	19
Sport	34-40
Weather	20

Buying The Times overseas
Austria Sch 35; Belgium B Frs 70; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 250; Cyprus C£1.00; Denmark Dkr 16.00; Finland Mk 15.00; France F 12.00; Germany DM 4.00; Gibraltar 80p; Greece Dr 400; Netherlands Fl 4.50; Irish Republic 55p; Italy L 3,800; Luxembourg Lf 60; Madeira Esc 275; Malta 43c; Morocco Dir 25.00; Norway Kr 18.00; Portugal Esc 275; Spain Pes 250; Sweden Skr 17.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.80; Tunisia Din 2.000; USA $3.00.



Sintsov: said on TV that he spied for the British

Britain and Russia duck Cold War row

BY RICHARD BEESTON AND MICHAEL BINYON

BRITAIN and Russia yesterday sought to calm strained bilateral relations after a month-long spy row resulted in the tit-for-tat expulsions of two diplomats.

British and Russian officials refused to discuss it, even though a British political counsellor, named as John Scarlett, and his Russian opposite number in London were sent home.

The row has all the makings of a Cold War episode but neither side is interested in pursuing further action. If the scandal deteriorated further it could have repercussions far beyond relations between Russia and Britain. Aside from the threat to events like the forthcoming royal visit to Russia, a serious scandal could jeopardise delicate negotiations to win Russia's support for Nato's Partnership for Peace.

Yesterday Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, restated his country's determination to join the programme this month. Among other things, such a move would grant Russia an office at Nato headquarters in Brussels.

The final chapter in the month-long row came on Thursday night, when Vadim Sintsov, a Russian arms industry official, made a televised confession that he was a British agent. Speaking from Lefortovo prison in Moscow, he said he had been recruited a year ago in a third country by a British intelligence officer identified as James Self.

The independent NTV channel suggested that Sintsov, who has reportedly been charged with high treason, began spying after falling to a British entrapment operation. His British handlers were apparently interested in information about Russian arms sales to the Middle East, although he apparently received only £8,000.

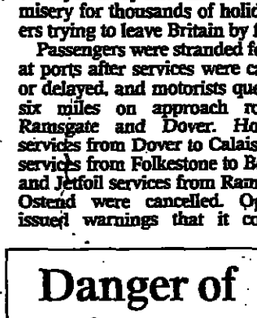
Leading article, page 17

Danger of mines on beaches spreads

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE coastal alert for lost anti-personnel mines was extended to Suffolk after another case was last night found in a river more than 60 miles from the Essex beach where nine cases were washed out to sea in a blunder by the Army.

The case containing 90 American-made M14 mines, complete with detonators and priming instructions, was spotted by a fishing boat more than a mile up the Ore river and was brought ashore at Orford. But another case is still missing, along with 90 loose mines from a case which was found shattered on Thursday. Police fear these missing explosives may threaten a larger area of the east coast than first suspected.



Warning sign on beach

Another intact case was recovered off the Essex town of Tollesbury in the Blackwater estuary, more than 30 miles from Shoeburyness where the an abortive army

Continued on page 2, col 5

Murder of gay broker linked to earlier attack

BY BILL FROST

POLICE investigating the killing of City stockbroker Barry Stubbings issued a warning to the homosexual community yesterday after it was disclosed that a similar attack had taken place only hours before his murder.

Detectives also revealed details of the double life of Mr Stubbings, 51, director of corporate finance at James Capel, who was a bachelor. By day he was a much respected City figure; by night a familiar sight in gay bars. He also picked up young male prostitutes in public lavatories at mainline rail stations.

Mr Stubbings was found with his throat cut at his London flat on Wednesday afternoon. He had been murdered between midnight on Tuesday and 3am on Wednesday, detectives believe.

At 7.30pm on Tuesday, David McKie, 63, a retired hotel manager was stabbed in the throat at his home in Wapping, east London, two miles from where Mr Stubbings lived.

Scotland Yard said that Mr McKie had apparently argued with his assailant inside the flat but the stabbing took place just outside the front door. Mr McKie also suffered hand and chest injuries, and was last night said to be in a "critical but stable" condition at the Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel, east London.

"Neighbours heard a commotion and then the victim's cries of distress, and found him collapsed outside the front door," a spokeswoman said.

Det Supt Albert Patrick, who last year led the hunt for the homosexual serial killer Colin Ireland, said that Mr McKie "could be a crucial witness to my investigation".

He said: "I don't want to signal alarm that there is any killer on the loose, but it would be wrong for me not to say to gay people in London that there could be a connection. Just be careful."

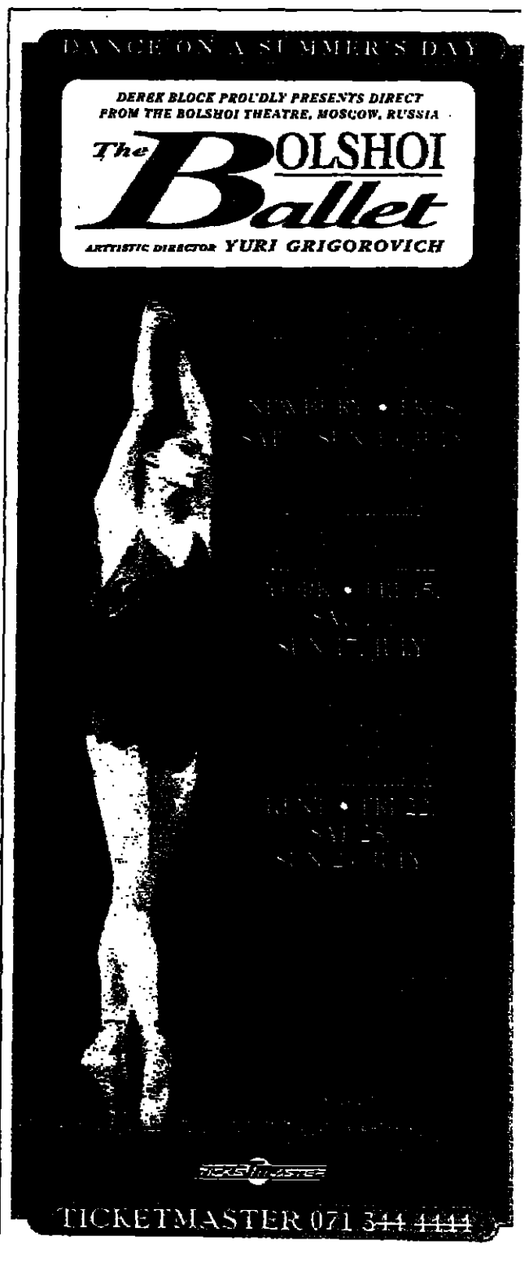
He appealed to the homosexual community to help police. Mr Patrick said two of Mr Stubbings's lovers had already come forward. One knew him as Peter, the other as Tony.

Doing not quite so nicely

FEWER people hold credit cards than in the 1980s and those who do, use them more carefully, according to a study by The Financial Research Survey and the pollsters NOP.

The proportion of adults holding cards in Britain last year fell to 31 per cent from a 34 per cent peak in 1989, while 61 per cent choose to pay back the full total borrowed each month, to avoid interest charges, significantly more than the 53 per cent who did so in 1989.

The new "pay as you go" attitude is reflected in the sharp rise in the use of debit cards .....Page 21



Explicit films in the home

Howard tells censor to turn back tide of video nasties

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Howard is to urge film censors to take a tougher line in banning video nasties after a report from prominent psychologists linked sadistic imagery to juvenile violence.

The Home Secretary is to meet the British Board of Film Classification shortly to discuss its forthcoming report on the connection between real-life violence and screen images. He is expected to press the board to make greater use of its existing powers to ban home viewing of such films by refusing them a classification.

However, Mr Howard will resist a move in the Commons to ban all videos deemed unsuitable for children.

He said yesterday that it would be an "extreme step" to accept such amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill promoted by David Alton, the Liberal Democrat MP for Mossley Hill. Mr Alton's amendment has the backing of 220 MPs, including 80 Tories, and Mr Howard is coming under pressure to offer at least a compromise designed to stop children viewing explicit material.

Amid signs that Labour is prepared to back calls for tightening of laws first introduced a decade ago, Mr Howard risks a defeat in the Commons on April 12 unless he acts swiftly.

Yesterday, the Home Secretary indicated that he regarded Mr Alton's amendment as unworkable, while not ruling out a government counter-proposal. He said: "I share the deep concern which has been expressed. We already have the toughest regime in the world to regulate what we view. Any further action has to be effective and workable."

But Mr Howard criticised Mr Alton's amendment, suggesting that it would remove from video shops films perfectly suitable for adult viewing. The Oscar-winning *Silence of the Lambs* has been mentioned as a likely casualty of such a crackdown as well as *Child's Play 3*, implicated by the judge in the murder trial of James Bulger, the Liverpool toddler.

Mr Howard said: "To ban altogether a video which may be inappropriate for viewing by children when most of the households in this country do not contain children would be an extreme step."

The argument turns on the extent to which the BBFC should refuse classifications for violent movies. The case for reform has been strengthened by a report from Professor Elizabeth Newson, head of the child development at Nottingham University, which has been endorsed by 25 doctors and academics. The report lends weight to suggestions that brutal attacks, of the kind inflicted on James Bulger last year, can be traced to the viewing of violent films by young children.

Yesterday, Clare Short, Labour MP for Birmingham Ladywood and a co-sponsor of the Alton amendment, called for new curbs on violent videos, saying that they were becoming more crude and revolting. She was backed by Sir Rhodes Boyson, Tory MP for Brent North, and Robin Corbett, Labour's frontbench broadcasting spokesman.

Expert dismisses link with violence

BY JEREMY LAURANCE



Cumberbatch: "What do they know about film?"

HORROR videos are designed to frighten, not turn viewers into horrific people, an expert on the effects of screen violence said yesterday.

Dr Guy Cumberbatch, senior lecturer in applied psychology at Aston University, dismissed the report by Professor Elizabeth Newson as naive and depressing, and said there was no convincing evidence that television, films or videos caused people to commit crimes.

Referring to the list of signatories to the Newson report, which includes eminent child psychologists and psychiatrists, he added: "There is not a name there that has done research on the effects of the media or is from the media industry. What do they know about film?"

Dr Cumberbatch, who has studied the influence of film and television on young people for 25 years and advises the Home Office, Broadcasting Standards Council and BBC, said research showed that violent children liked violent films. "But does it influence them? The closer we studied this link the more illusory it became." Studies that claimed to show a link, mostly published in America, had been difficult to replicate.

Horror videos could have damaging effects on children but the effects were being exaggerated. "Obviously a 10-year-old watching a film meant for over-18s may be disturbed or upset but he is not going to become a cannibal or a killer as a result.

"The function of these films is to horrify. People enjoy watching them because they are interested in the special effects."

MARTIN BEDDALL



Vedran Smailovic, 37, the last member of his Sarajevo quartet to survive the Bosnian war, playing his cello on Waterloo Bridge yesterday to draw attention to the plight of his country. John Bloss, a Sarajevan friend, holds an umbrella. Sarajevo spring, page 12

Boy killed

Continued from page 1

the procedures used to operate them, once every 14 months. The HSE's own inspectors carry out general inspections from time to time but do not, as the independent engineers are required to do, carry out in-depth inspections of every piece of machinery.

The HSE has claimed in the past that people are more likely to suffer accidents in their cars on the way to a fairground than on any ride. However, it has also called repeatedly for more attention to be paid to equipment safety and design.

Dr John Cullen, chairman of the HSE, said last year that he would not let his grandchildren go on some old-fashioned rides. When asked whether common sense should not have suggested modifications, he replied: "Common sense is in pretty short supply."

An HSE report three years ago concluded that drunken behaviour and ill-trained attendants posed a greater danger than the machinery of fairground rides. It concluded that an average visitor's stay at a funfair or amusement park involved a one-in-10-million chance of death and a one-in-a-million chance of serious injury.

The HSE said that time spent at a fair was 40 times safer than the same amount of time spent cycling on a main road, more than seven times safer than travelling in a car, and marginally safer than walking.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lamont rejects call to take on Major

Norman Lamont has rejected appeals from senior Tory backbenchers and party grandees to challenge John Major for the party leadership in the autumn. Right-wing Tory MPs have been urging the former Chancellor to stand as a stalking horse if speculation continues about the Prime Minister's future.

However, Mr Lamont is said to be determined not to rock the boat. Friends say Mr Lamont, who was angered at his sacking, has now settled his differences with Conservative Central Office. Officials have assured him they will not block his attempts to secure a safe seat when Kingston upon Thames, his constituency, vanishes in boundary changes.

Heseltine defends VAT

Price cuts by the privatised gas and electricity companies will more than offset the impact of VAT on bills, Michael Heseltine said yesterday as ministers renewed their efforts to stop waning consumer confidence choking the economic recovery. The President of the Board of Trade denounced Labour scare stories, saying they took no account of the downward trend in gas and electricity prices. Gas prices next year, when VAT will be levied at 17.5 per cent, will still be 7 per cent lower in real terms than in 1986, he said.

Clash on IRA ceasefire

Cardinal Cahal Daly, Catholic Primate of All Ireland, said yesterday that disregarding the IRA ceasefire would be a tragedy. "An opportunity exists on the IRA side and the Government should explore it," he said. But Archbishop Robin Eames, Primate of the Church of Ireland, said the ceasefire was "tantamount to pointing a gun at people's heads".

Smallest school saved

London's smallest primary school has been saved from closure. Hackney council and the London diocesan board had said St Thomas's C of E Primary School in Stamford Hill was not big enough to implement the national curriculum. The school has been given grant-maintained status after parents voted for it to opt out of local authority control.

Aids patient sought

Police were yesterday seeking a terminally ill and confused Aids patient who discharged himself from Maidstone hospital in Kent on Wednesday with a blood transfusion tube in his arm. Nick Newman, 41, could bleed to death if the tube is dislodged. The hospital appealed for him to get in touch saying he could soon become a danger to others.

Police capture stun guns

A cache of 190 stun guns capable of delivering a sharp shock have been discovered by Tyne and Wear police during a drugs raid. The guns, which are banned in Britain, were uncovered in a house in Washington and police say they were probably destined for use by muggers or burglars. A 55-year-old man has been arrested.

Baby arrives in train

A woman gave birth in a Tube train carriage yesterday. Piccadilly line services through Green Park were halted when she went into labour, making it the third such delay in three days. On Wednesday and Thursday ambulances were called to Bank station because women had gone into labour. London Transport said: "It must be because it's spring."

MONEY-OFF COUPONS DON'T GROW ON TREES, BUT THEY DO ON OUR PACKS.



Buy any of the above, and you'll find money-off coupons which can be used to buy other Fisons and Murphy products.

It means you can save money and still give your garden the attention it needs.

So, this weekend visit your local garden retailer, and look out for these special promotional packs. Also, look out for the many other Fisons and Murphy products on offer.

There are some rich pickings to be made.



FISONS

Offer closes 30.11.94. See packs for details. Levington and Murphy are trade marks of Fisons plc.

Teachers' leaders resist strike calls

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

LEADERS of Britain's biggest teaching union were last night heading for a series of confrontations with left-wing delegates seeking support for a new wave of industrial action in schools.

Calls for strikes over redundancies, pay and class sizes will be made at the National Union of Teachers' annual conference this weekend, but will be resisted by leaders seeking to limit action to individual schools or authorities.

Doug McAvoy, the union's general secretary, said it could not afford an image of being "hellbent on disruption" when it needed to rally parents behind its boycott of national tests this summer. He also made a last ditch appeal for two other classroom unions, which have scaled down their action against the compulsory tests for 7, 11 and 14-year olds, to rejoin the boycott.

But the 180,000-strong union, which is isolated in its refusal to carry out the tests, received a setback after it emerged that the Government may be softening its position on the use of external markers next year.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, the second largest teaching union, said he believed that ministers were seriously considering its demands for national tests to be marked by outsiders, a step that would relieve some teachers of the equivalent of a week's work.

He said that Baroness Blatch, the education minister, had told his officials at a meeting last month that the Government had an "open mind" on the issue. Previously, ministers had ruled it out.

Mr De Gruchy said that if teachers were simply required to invigilate tests in future, sending off papers to be marked by examination boards or other bodies as at GCSE, this would effectively resolve the dispute over workload.

John Patten, the Education Secretary, is not expected to take a decision on external markers until this summer's tests are over. However, head teachers have predicted that the NUT action will wreck tests in many schools.

A repeat of last year's mutiny despite agreement to slim the curriculum and tests, would increase the pressure on Mr Patten to take action to ensure the tests were delivered.

Mr McAvoy told a press conference yesterday that his union would not be deflected from its battle against the tests. He expected delegates to unite and send a clear message for teachers "to stand behind the boycott".

Mines fear

Continued from page 1

operation to destroy them had taken place. Police were investigating reports that the last missing case may have been spotted off Mersea island, near Colchester. If recovered, that would account for all the missing cases, but still leave 90 loose mines.

The explosives floated out to sea from the Army's experimental establishment at Shoeburyness earlier this week. An Army explosives team was called yesterday in to dispose of the find at Orford as police in Suffolk stood by to launch a full search today with the help of the Essex police helicopter. Teams of police and coastguards searched the windblown holiday beaches of Essex while an Army board of enquiry started investigating. Ministry of Defence chiefs want to know how the mines escaped unnoticed after being left in a sandpit.

The board of enquiry will also want to know why the alarm was not raised until Thursday, 24 hours after the incident. An Army spokesman declined to disclose details of the enquiry or comment on suggestions that the demolition team was taking a break when the cache floated away.

The loose mines are said to be safe without their detonators although police fear that anyone picking one up or hitting it could detonate the one ounce charge of Tetryl explosive.

Full tunnel service by 'late summer'

BY JANE MARTINSON AND MARTIN WALLER

HOLIDAYMAKERS planning to travel through the Channel Tunnel this summer are strongly advised to have a contingency plan despite protestations by Sir Alastair Morton, the Eurotunnel chairman, that the service will be operating in June.

A spokesman for the company said yesterday that although a "limited" service would be operating after the official opening in May, there was no fixed start date.

He said there was a confusion between the start of the service and the "attainment of planned frequencies". The opening, planned for May 6 and presided over by the Queen and President Mitterrand, was fixed last June.

Since then, technical problems and the availability of rolling stock — the company has only 18 locomotives operational out of 38 planned — have caused delays. The service for foot passengers and Le Shuttle, which will carry cars through the tunnel from Folkestone on specially-designed trains, are most affected by the delay. Eurotunnel hopes the freight service will start at the end of April, a year after first planned.

The delay is expected to cost Eurotunnel £50 million a month in lost revenue during the peak summer months when the company had originally planned to run four services an hour. Eurotunnel said it would offer refunds to passengers who had tickets.

Sir Alastair said on BBC Radio 4 yesterday: "We are not going to open it until we are able to run a regular, trouble-free service." He said that Eurotunnel would initially be operating on a low level of frequency which would not be a "turn-up-and-go" service for the general public. "That will build up during the summer to a complete service. We can handle you all by the late summer," he said.



Morton: plans at first to run infrequent service

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Italy's big brother

His close aides rapidly concurred with Il Cavaliere (or the knight, as Berlusconi is known in Italy), that, unless something was done, the left would win the general election. They discussed how it might be stopped. Slowly the



idea of a new kind of political organisation, using the latest marketing and advertising techniques, began to take shape. A plan of action was agreed. Berlusconi's political ambitions were born . . .

Martin Jacques on the Berlusconi coup — The Sunday Times tomorrow

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

After 74 days, 22 hours and 17 minutes, catamaran crew share Champagne welcome

Round-the-world record breakers' last day was worst

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN BREST

THE finishing line on Robin Knox-Johnston's record-breaking, non-stop circumnavigation could not come soon enough. On the 74th and final day of the epic voyage, he and co-skipper Peter Blake used every trick in the manual to slow down *ENZA New Zealand* to under ten knots to ride the 15-metre waves thrown up by Atlantic storms.

The crew had lost five days battling against storm force head winds at Cape Horn, but Blake admitted: "The last 36 hours have been the worst. We were experiencing 50-knot squalls and very big seas and were very concerned about nose-diving. We did so the other night and Angus Buchanan shot out of his bunk and finished up in the galley. We decided then that we had to be prudent."

As he sailed into Brest last night after the 27,000-mile challenge, Knox-Johnston said: "Now I'm looking forward to a good pint of Guinness." But first he had to navigate showers of Champagne as *ENZA New Zealand* was given a rousing and emotional welcome.

Sirens hooted and flares were fired as hundreds of people lined the sea walls to watch the 92ft catamaran's arrival. Small craft buzzed around her as the crew waved and smiled.

Then there were joyful reunions as the families of the eight crewmen went aboard to hug and kiss the returning sailors.

ENZA had ridden the tail of a 50-knot south-westerly gale to clip more than four days off the record, despite spending the last 24 hours to the finishing line off Ushant often under bare poles and trailing warps to slow down the craft.

Knox-Johnston, 55, who took 313 days to complete the same voyage alone in 1966, did it this time in 74 days, 22 hours and 17 minutes to become one of only three men to have twice circumnavigated the globe non-stop.

The master mariner, after becoming the first man to sail solo non-stop around the world with his 32-foot ketch *Suhaili*, has remained one of the leading lights in world yachting. In 1970 and 1974 he won the Round Britain Race and competed in the 1977 Whitbread Round the World Race.

The crew of *ENZA* broke the previous best time, set last winter by Bruno Peyron's 85-foot catamaran *Commodore Explorer* by 4 days, 7 hours, 58 minutes to claim the Jules Verne Trophy.

Peyron, one of the first to welcome the crew on their return to Brest last night, said: "It's a fantastic feat and I'm glad it is a foreigner that has broken the record."

The feat was not without its dramas. Peter Blake injured his back badly when the boat nose-dived into a wave deep in the Southern Ocean and was forced to spend a week in his bunk. "That frightened us," admitted Knox-Johnston. Later they were forced by the winds to head deep inside the ice limit. Ed Danby, a crewman, said: "We had ice all around us and passed within half a boat length of one growler. It meant we had to have someone stationed on the bows each night."

ENZA had set off on January 16, in a gale similar to the one that blew it home, at the same time as a rival French crew skippered by Olivier de Kersauson.

The *ENZA* team averaged more than 400 miles a day over the first 16,000 miles, building up a 1,900-mile lead over Kersauson's trimaran *Lyonnaise des Eaux Dumez*. They also broke the 24 hours record with a run of 520 miles, later surpassed by *Lyonnaise* which has claimed a record of 524 miles.

The delays at Cape Horn cost *ENZA* much of the lead it had built up and the two boats crossed the equator almost level. *ENZA*, however, was better placed to make the most of the trade winds and finished two days ahead of its French rival.

It was Blake's sixth circumnavigation and the second attempt with Knox-Johnston to win the Jules Verne Trophy. Last winter they were leading the race when *ENZA New Zealand* hit an unknown object in the Southern Ocean.

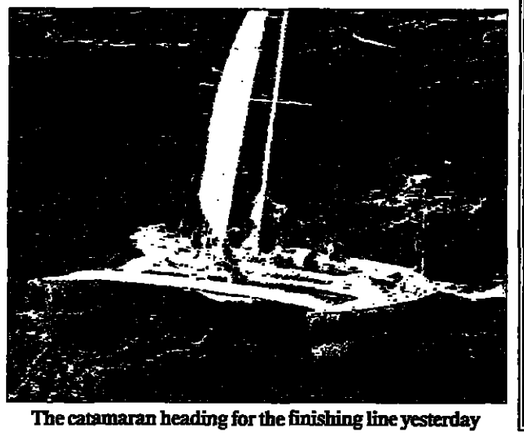
The 47-year-old yachtsman said: "It's been a fabulous experience. This has been much more than yachting, it's been a real adventure."

He added: "All the way round we've been talking about a new boat. Until today. With a new boat and a bit of luck, perhaps, you could get round the world in 67 days — but it won't be me."

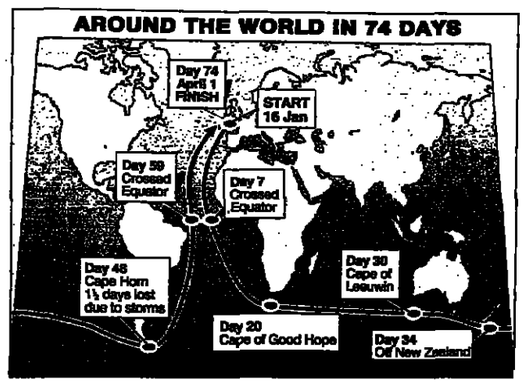
CHARLES PLATIAU



The crew of *ENZA New Zealand* celebrate the record-breaking voyage on their first landfall since January



The catamaran heading for the finishing line yesterday



BARCLAYCARD MONDAY IN THE TIMES



WIN A DREAM TICKET TO A TEST MATCH
Select your fantasy cricket team and win a trip for two to any 1995 Test match anywhere in the world

SHOULD YOU BE AT WORK TODAY?
Why corporate fear culture is killing the family-friendly job

A FREE HOLIDAY IN THE CARIBBEAN
Solve Monday's Conundrum clue and you could win a week's holiday for six on Richard Branson's Virgin Island



IS YOUR DOG PSYCHIC?
Why you don't have to be barking to believe in pet power

Pregnant mother murdered near home

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE body of a pregnant woman, whose baby was due in eight weeks, was found yesterday partly clothed less than 100 yards from her home. Police were last night questioning a 30-year-old man.

The body of Angela Jenkinson, 32, was spotted on waste ground in Bradford at 7am by a lorry driver. Mrs Jenkinson, who had a four-year-old daughter, had been murdered between 10pm and midnight the previous day. Detectives said that by the time her body was discovered the baby could not be saved.

Det Supt Gary Haigh, who is leading the hunt, said that asphyxiation had been found to be the cause of death. The victim's head had also been punched at least once.

Mrs Jenkinson, who had once worked as a supermarket check-out operator and lived with her daughter, was last seen at 10pm on Thursday when she left the child with a neighbour. Mr Haigh said it was still unclear whether she had gone out to meet someone or simply to buy cigarettes.

Police refused to comment on reports that the dead woman was naked from the waist down but said there was no indication that she had been sexually assaulted.

England game in Berlin threatened

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE football authorities are considering cancelling England's international against Germany on April 20, Adolf Hitler's birthday, if it is likely that the event will turn into a violent confrontation between left-and-right political groups.

With the Germans ready to marshal 6,000 police, the Football Association (FA) is alert to English supporters being caught up in street battles far worse than those in Holland in October when more than 1,100 England followers were deported before, during and after the World Cup game in Rotterdam.

Det Inspector Peter Chapman, one of the British intelligence co-ordinators for the match in Berlin, said: "The FA has reserved the right to pull the plug on this game. There are worries that some of our right-wing extremists will use the football match as an excuse to go to Berlin and take part in a demonstration on the previous day."

Although windows in the German Football Federation's (DFB) headquarters were smashed by suspected left-wing agitators last week, the Germans are determined to continue with the friendly game, which they regard as an important part of the preparations for their defence of the World Cup in the United States this summer.

Rainer Gertz of the DFB said: "Switching the date would not change anything and would be a climbdown for democracy."

Mr Gertz said he believed that left-wing extremists were responsible for the attack on the DFB because painted on one of the headquarters' walls was: "No game on April 20. We are against the DFB and the Nazis."

The match was scheduled to be played in Hamburg but the city could not give a guarantee of security. It was moved to the stadium in Berlin where Hitler presided over the 1936 Olympics and where an English football team infamously gave the Nazi salute before the international on May 14, 1938.

Mr Chapman, of the football unit at the National Criminal Intelligence Service, said that he expected England would be well-supported in Berlin because "the appointment of Terry Venables as coach has given the average football supporter a lease of life".

About 7,500 tickets have been set aside for the England followers, including supporters among local British troops.

The FA will probably wait until it has seen how a demonstration in Berlin on April 9 is handled before considering further action.

Rob Hughes, page 39

Royal hitch halts holiday

BY ROBIN YOUNG

MECHANICS at Aston Martin's factory at Newport Pagnell in Buckinghamshire forfeited their Easter holiday yesterday to find out why the Prince of Wales's new £147,000 Aston Martin Volante spluttered to a halt after travelling just a mile and a half on its first outing.

The car, driven by a chauffeur and with the Prince of Wales and Prince Harry as passengers, stalled outside the Three Kings public house in Cromwell Road, west London, on its way to Windsor Castle, and refused to restart.

The Prince's police escort, who had been travelling in a following vehicle, had to push the top-of-the-range sports car to the side of the road and ferry the Princes and their cases back to Kensington Palace.

The chauffeur succeeded in restarting the car and driving it back to the palace about ten minutes later. It is thought that the fault lies in the car's electronic fuel control system — believed to be a feature that attracted the Prince.



The Prince of Wales on his brief ride in his new car

Harry Calton, Aston Martin's director of public affairs, said: "The car was recovered from Kensington Palace and taken back to our factory in Newport Pagnell, where engineers are interrogating its electronic memory. The fuel injection system should compensate automatically for anything that occurs."

Mr Calton said: "We are extremely distressed about it. The cars take 12 weeks to be built by hand and we carry out every conceivable check. The Prince was offered another car as replacement while his own was repaired, but he said that he would not really need it."

The Prince is expected to have the 5.3 litre car, which should be capable of 155mph, back by the middle of next week.

He is expected to auction his previous Aston Martin, a gift from the Emir of Bahrain in 1986, for charity.

We don't charge mortgage application or valuation fees.

We don't sell endowment policies.

We don't insist you buy our buildings and contents insurance.

Your mortgage choice couldn't be simpler.

As the most cost-efficient national building society we are able to offer you that little bit more.

The savings we make running our business are reflected in the savings you make with a C&G mortgage.

Visit your nearest branch or return the coupon for more details of our range of discount mortgages.

CALL US NOW. RING FREE ON 0800 272131

To: Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, FREEPOST, Gloucester GL4 7BR.

Please send me details of your mortgage range ☐

Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____ TT 2/4

Postcode _____ Tel. _____

C&G
Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society

We're run to make you richer.

Chief Office Barnett Way Gloucester GL4 7RL. Authorised by the Building Societies Commission.

Security is required. A written quotation is available on request. Lending facilities are available only to persons aged 18 years or over and are subject to status. Although there is no application or valuation fee for any C&G mortgage, if you want to arrange a C&G fixed-rate mortgage there is a reservation charge to secure the fixed-rate funds. The Society may charge a valuation fee to individuals who make more than one mortgage application.

YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT

The future never turns out the way you expected it to.

Welcome to the computer of the future. It's full of surprises.

This isn't just a new Apple™ Macintosh.™ It's a new architecture. A new chip.

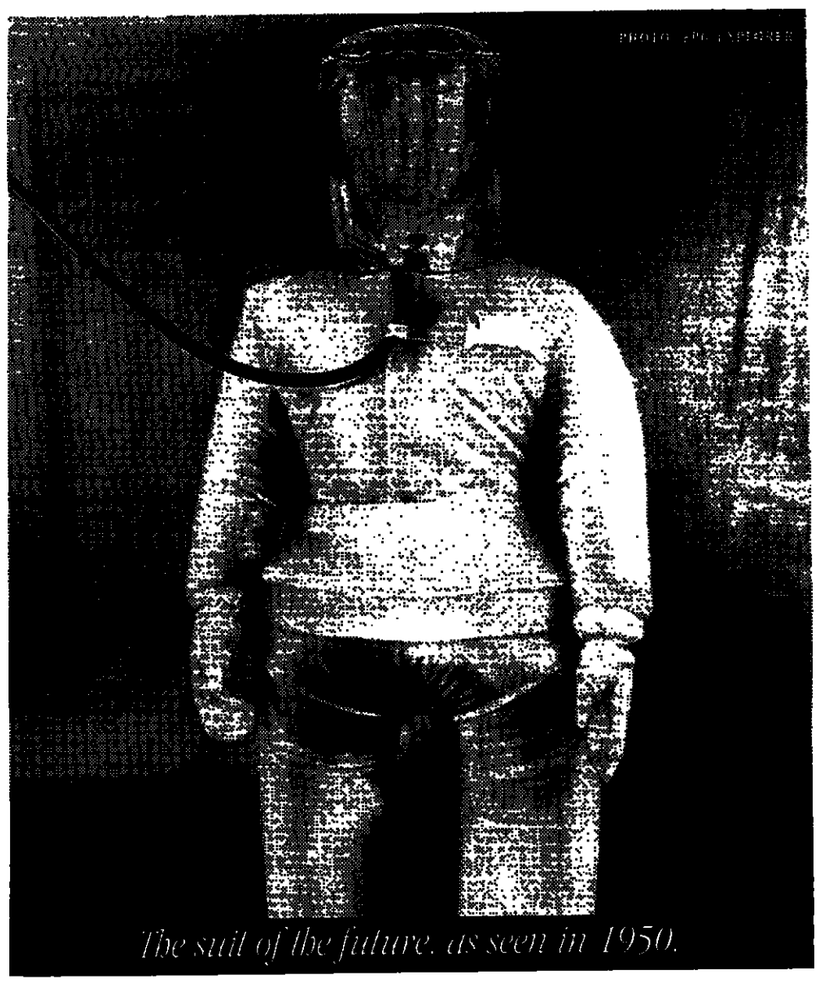
A new standard that exceeds all previous standards – yet works with MS-DOS,® Windows™ and Macintosh.

It's a whole new kind of personal computer. If you wanted speed, it will give you more than any personal computer has ever given you.[1]

If you wanted simplicity, it will give you everything that made Macintosh the world's most imitated personal computer.

If you wanted compatibility, it will give you the ability to run MS-DOS, Windows and Macintosh software simultaneously.

And if you want to own the future, then the Power Macintosh is the only personal computer to have.



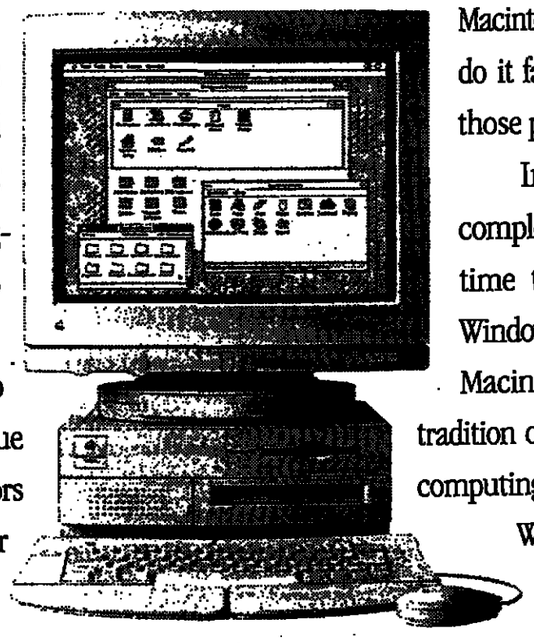
The suit of the future, as seen in 1950.

Nobody expected a Macintosh that would be more powerful than the most powerful PC.[1]

At the heart of Power Macintosh™ is the PowerPC™ 601 microprocessor: the first of a new family of ultra high-performance RISC chips developed in a unique 3-year collaboration between Apple, IBM and Motorola.

RISC chips like the PowerPC 601 are smaller, more efficient and vastly less expensive than non-RISC chips found in ordinary PCs – bringing a new level of performance to personal computing.

Software written specifically to take advantage of the chip's unique capabilities will, in fact, blow the doors off the same programs written for conventional PCs.



Nobody expected a computer that would be more human than a Macintosh.

Macintosh computers are easy to use – a fact proven by those who have flatteringly tried to copy Macintosh. This ease-of-use means you don't have to spend a fortune teaching people how to use them.

A recent study by Arthur D. Little confirms what Apple has been saying for years: people who use Macintosh computers tend to do more, do it faster and more accurately than those people who use PCs.[2]

In the study, Macintosh users completed business tasks in 44% less time than those PC users running Windows to do the same tasks. Power Macintosh not only continues this tradition of more productive, more human computing – it builds on it.

With the advent of Apple AV technologies, you can now work with video, sound and communications, just as easily as working with text and graphics.

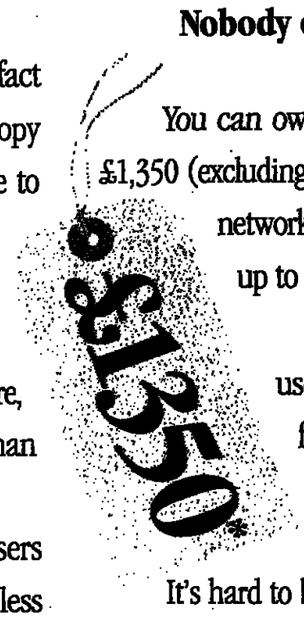
Power Macintosh has the power to change the way you work forever.

Nobody expected a computer that would be more compatible than both.

Every Power Macintosh has the ability to run off-the-shelf MS-DOS, Windows and Macintosh software at the same time – sharing information between environments with a simple "point and click."[3] This makes Power Macintosh ideal for people who need to use specialised MS-DOS and Windows applications, but want the performance, ease-of-use and consistency of Power Macintosh.

And, of course, if you already use Macintosh, Power Macintosh systems can work with existing Macintosh monitors, cards, cables, keyboards and peripherals – as well as share files and information with other systems on a network.

Nobody expected the future to be affordable today.



You can own a Power Macintosh for as little as £1,350 (excluding VAT),* complete with built-in Ethernet networking, file-sharing software, sound and up to 24-bit colour display support.

Furthermore, millions of Macintosh users can upgrade to Power Macintosh for as little as £599 (excluding VAT).[4]

It takes just a few minutes at your local Apple Authorised Reseller.

It's hard to believe that computers that can do this much can cost so little to buy and run.

But as you're about to find out, the future just isn't what it used to be.

To discover why the future is better than you expected, contact your local Apple Authorised Reseller today or for further information call the Apple Information Centre free on 0800 127753.

Introducing Power Macintosh. It's the future. And it's better than you expected.

© March 1994, Apple Computer, Inc. The Apple logo is a registered trademark and Apple, Macintosh, and Power Macintosh are trademarks of Apple Computer, Inc., registered in the US and other countries. PowerPC is a trademark of International Business Machines Corporation and is used under license therefrom. MS-DOS is a registered trademark and Windows is a trademark of Microsoft Corporation. SoftWindows is a trademark of Insignia Solutions, Inc. 1 When compared with systems running Intel 40486 and Pentium processors. Source: A Competitive Analysis – an independent survey commissioned by Apple Computer, Inc., Competitive Analysis Group. 2 Source: A Comparative Study of Productivity: Macintosh Versus Windows – Arthur D. Little, Inc., January 1994. 3 SoftWindows™ from Insignia Solutions is available with all Power Macintosh systems and as a separate product. *Suggested Retail Price of the Power Macintosh 6100/60 configured with 8MB RAM and 160MB hard disk drive, excluding keyboard and monitor (available at extra cost). 4 Suggested Retail Price of the Power Macintosh Upgrade Card. All prices quoted as at 14th March 1994, excluding VAT at 17.5%. Apple Authorised Resellers are free to set their own prices – therefore actual purchase prices may vary from those indicated.

هكذا من الأصل

On the Welsh border, female deacons called to the priesthood contemplate an uncertain future

Women pray Church will bridge gulf over doctrine

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

TOMORROW morning, in her ancient Welsh parish close to the border, the Rev Vera Lewis will lead two dozen parishioners in Easter Day worship at Holy Communion.

Although she has been deacon-in-charge, in effect the vicar, of her four parishes in the Tanat valley since 1988, Miss Lewis will celebrate Easter this year in the knowledge that her fellow clergy in the Church in Wales might vote against the ordination of women to the priesthood at the meeting of their governing body in Lampeter, Dyfed, next week.

As a woman deacon, Miss Lewis technically cannot preside. She is not allowed to pronounce the blessing at the end or grant absolution after confession. Tomorrow, she will be using bread and wine, representing the body and blood of Christ, which has already been consecrated by a retired, male priest who lives in the parish. Meanwhile, a few miles away on the other side of the Vyrnwy river, the Rev Anne Stratford, a woman deacon, will also be celebrating Easter. Miss Stratford is also unable to consecrate the bread and wine. But that will change soon, because this is Miss Stratford's last Easter in the diaconate.

> "The Holy Spirit has been working. I think the vote will go through"

Her parish is on the other side of border with Wales, thereby placing Miss Stratford within the Church of England, and allowing her to be ordained priest in Lichfield Cathedral later this month.

Within four weeks, the two women, with remarkably similar rural parishes in their cure, will be working side by side, but one will have been priested and the other not. One will be able to preside at Communion, and the other will be barred by virtue only of her sex.

Further, the strength of opposition to women priests among male clergymen in Wales is such that, despite strong support from both bishops and laity, Miss Lewis might later this week have to abandon any imminent hope of becoming a priest. Miss Stratford described a sense of "anguish" for her neighbour, and the other women deacons in Wales.

Until recently, many women believed that Wales would vote to make them priests before the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church. The Church of Ireland already ordains women priests, and the Scottish Church is confidently expected to vote in their favour soon. If Wales decides next week against the priesting of women, it will become the only province in the British Isles where women in the church are not permitted an equal role to their male counterparts.

Miss Lewis, 49, a former librarian, is in charge of four rural parishes just far enough from Oswestry, Shropshire to be in Wales. The largest parish, Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant, on the Rhaeadr river, a tributary to the Tanat, has about 20 communicants in St Dogfan's church each Sunday. There has been a church there from the 6th century, and parts of the building are medieval.

One of her parishes, near Lake Vyrnwy, has a population of 60 people. In another, St Garmon's church stands almost completely isolated in the surrounding hills, apart from one neighbouring house.

The most famous former vicar, William Morgan, translated the Bible into Welsh while incumbent there in 1588. The previous incumbent to Miss Lewis, John Davies, became Bishop of Shrewsbury in 1987.

Most of her parishioners are sheep farmers or farm workers and their families. Only about 1,200 people live across all four parishes, and about one tenth are on the church's own electoral roll.

Miss Lewis, who earns a stipend of about £12,500, has met no resistance as a woman from the parish. "Possibly they had never thought about it before, but they were most accommodating." She will feel deep sorrow for her Church if next week's vote goes against the priesting of women. She said: "The Church will become detached from mainstream evangelism. It will be painful. But I feel that my place is here. The Church in Wales has nurtured me all my life, and I fit here."

Miss Stratford, a non-stipendiary minister at Kinnerley, helps the rector, the Rev David Austerberry, care for four parishes and they are about to acquire a fifth. Mr Austerberry, also rural dean for the Oswestry area, stands by whenever Miss Stratford takes Communion, ready to consecrate the bread and wine at the appropriate moment.

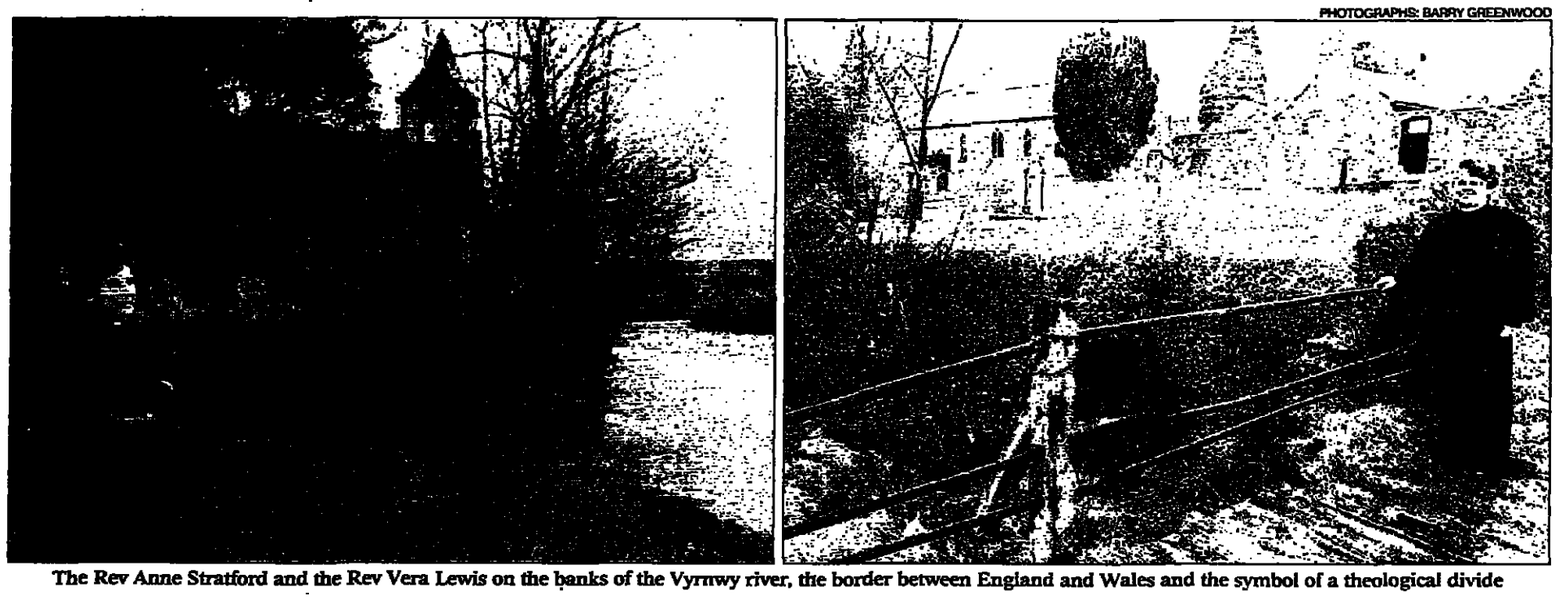
With a similar rural profile to Miss Lewis's parishes, Kinnerey and its neighbours were once part of the St Asaph diocese in the Church in Wales, before it was disestablished in 1920, when they opted to remain established and were annexed to the Church of England's Lichfield diocese.

In secular terms, the area has been in England since the 13th century, when it was the scene of some of the last great battles between the Welsh and English. Few people openly speak Welsh there today, although Welsh names and Celtic practices still linger among the populace. The Welsh tradition of Church music has remained strong.

Miss Stratford said: "I feel the Holy Spirit has been working within the Church of England, and will surely work in other Anglican provinces, not least in Wales. I think the vote will go through. I cannot see that the Holy Spirit will engineer things so that in England women priests are OK, and in Wales they are not. I feel anguished for the women in Wales, but know in my heart that it won't be long."

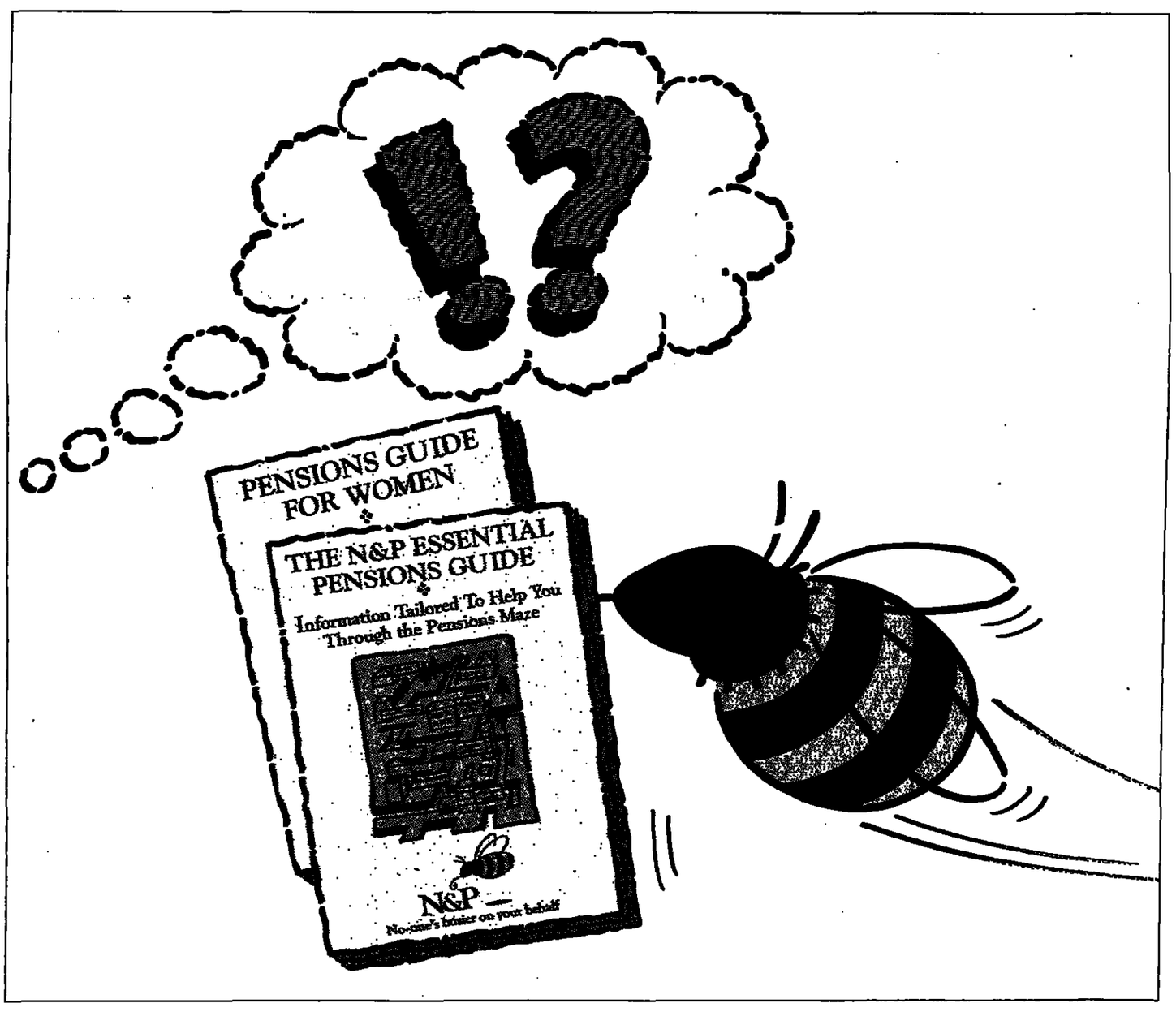
Credo, page 6
Leading article, page 17
At Your Service, Weekend, page 2

PHOTOGRAPHS: BARRY GREENWOOD



The Rev Anne Stratford and the Rev Vera Lewis on the banks of the Vyrnwy river, the border between England and Wales and the symbol of a theological divide

CONFUSED AND CONCERNED ABOUT PENSIONS?



THESE COULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOKS YOU'LL EVER READ.

If you'd like a free copy of one of our pension guides, or to discuss planning your retirement, call into your local branch or phone free, 7 days a week from 8am to 8pm, on

0800 80 80 80

N&P
No-one's busier on your behalf

Pensions are provided by N&P Life Assurance Ltd, a subsidiary of National & Provincial, Provincial House, Bradford BD1 1NL. The Society is an appointed representative of N&P Life Assurance Ltd, which is regulated in the conduct of investment business by SIB. Consequently, we can only advise on the life assurance and pension products of N&P Life, National & Provincial Building Society. T/2.4.94/PEN

THE TIMES

Crossword range

With the exception of the Jumbo books, prices include a mail order charge of 75p per item for the UK only. For overseas supplements see below.

†† = Available in computer format

The Times Book of Jumbo Crosswords £3.99
add £1.26 postage (UK market only)
The Times Jumbo Crosswords Book 2 £4.99
add £1.00 postage (UK market only)
The Times Jumbo Concise Crosswords Book 1 £4.99
add £1.00 postage (UK market only)
The Times Crosswords, Books 1 to 13
(Penguin) £4.74 each
The Times Crosswords, Books 14, 15, 16 & 17 £4.25 each ††
The Times Concise Crosswords, Books 1 & 2
(240 puzzles) £5.74 each
The Times Concise Crosswords, Books 3,4 & 5 £4.25 each ††
The Sunday Times Crosswords, Books 1 to 9
(Penguin) £4.74 each
The Sunday Times Crosswords, Books 10, 11 & 12
£4.25 each ††
The Sunday Times Concise Crosswords, Books 1 & 2
£4.25 each ††

NEW! from Times Books:
The Eighteenth Book of The Times Crosswords £4.25 ††
Sixth Book of The Times Concise Crosswords £4.25 ††
Third Book of Sunday Times Concise Crosswords £4.25 ††
The Times Computer Crosswords
by David Akenhead
Available for IBM PCs and Acorn computers including Archimedes range, now with advanced graphics and help facilities and designed for beginners and experts alike - on 3.5 and 5.25 discs (please specify)
(circa 60 crosswords each)
The Times Computer Crosswords Vols 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 ††
The Times Jubilee Puzzles 1932-1987 (56 crosswords) ††
The Times Concise Crosswords 3 (100 crosswords) ††
The Sunday Times Computer Crosswords Vols 1,2,3,4 ††
NEW! Recently released:
Sunday Times Computer Crosswords Volumes 5 & 6 ††
Software prices: £14.95 per title (marked ††)
Additional mail order charges including airmail postage
Europe (inc Irish Rep) add 50p per item
Zone 1 add £1.00 per item (inc America, Africa)
Zone 2 add £1.25 per item (inc Australia, N Zealand)
Surface mail add 50p per item
US dollar cheques welcome - (£1 = US$1.50)
Please send cheques or postal orders (sorry, no credit cards) payable to Akom Ltd, Times Crossword Account to Akom Limited, 51 Manor Lane, London SE13 5QW
Enquiries, telephone 081-852 4575 (24 hours)
Return delivery (UK)

'It is very much a case of the emperor's new clothes — no one is prepared to say how awful it is'

The Hecklers wage war on avant garde music

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE Hecklers, a group of self-styled musical terrorists, have joined the growing backlash against avant garde art. They love Beethoven but hate Sir Harrison Birtwistle; adore Elgar but cannot abide Sir Michael Tippett; cannot get enough of Sibelius, but think Philip Glass makes a din.

They stand for back to musical basics, or the "timeless classical forms of art", according to their founder Frederick Stocken, a young composer who has been compared with Mozart.

The Hecklers, recruited through the classified advertisement columns of *The Spectator* and increasing rapidly from a nucleus of 20, have secret plans to disrupt performances by the contemporary composers they consider their *bêtes noirs*. They are understood to be aiming at the Royal Opera House production of Birtwistle's opera *Gawain*, starting on April 14.

Stocken, 26, said: "Bernard Shaw set up a society of booers and hissers and I go along with that. I'm not sure we would heckle during the performance, but we could certainly express our feelings after it.

"A lot of this 'new' work is the most appalling rubbish. It is very much a case of the emperor's new clothes — no one has been prepared to stand up and say how awful it is."



Glass: a target for the traditionalists

Stocken's own composition has received mixed reviews. The hand bills for his oratorio, *Cathedral*, labelled Stocken "Britain's most backward-looking composer".

He said: "We want to see a return of classical music with popular appeal, not this arch-modernist stuff which gives you a migraine."

The Hecklers believe that those contemporary composers who attempt to return to the Baroque "disciplines and conventions" are shut out by the arbiters of musical taste. The Arts Council comes in for special criticism for handing out grants to the wrong people and "sponsoring the rubbish".

Stocken has formed an alliance with Brian Sewell, the acerbic and traditionalist art critic of the London *Evening Standard*, to plan a campaign involving like-minded lovers of artistic "values".

The Restoration may be some time in coming, but Sewell and Stocken do have allies. Iain Sproat, the heritage *minister, has a well-known* dislike of the cutting edge of art, preferring a diet of traditional ballet and Bach.

The respected fine art magazine *Modern Painters* has also joined the fray with an editorial condemning the "commanding heights of the arts establishment" for promoting "thin, trivial and cheaply political art".

In the theatre, the backlash is less perceptible. Stephen Daldry, artistic director of the Royal Court, has pledged to revive works by the Angry Young Men. He has described plays by Arnold Wesker, John Osborne and John Arden as "great English classics" worthy of more contemporary attention. He emphasises that this does not mean that new writing will be shelved.

Leading article, page 17
Arts, Weekend, pages 5-7

DARIO MITIDIERI



Frederick Stocken, The Hecklers' founder, condemns much of contemporary art as "appalling rubbish"

DON'T MOVE!

UNTIL YOU'VE ASKED ABOUT THE ABBEY NATIONAL MORTGAGE BONUS - WORTH UP TO £1,120

You've always known that Abbey National are hard to beat for mortgages. Now our new Mortgage Bonus gives you yet another reason to put us at the top of your list. It offers you a unique combination of a survey worth up to £320, up to £500 towards your legal fees and a cheque for £300 for all customers choosing our normal variable rate mortgage, 7.74% **8.1% APR**.

To find out how The Abbey National Mortgage Bonus can help you, just call into your nearest branch, or phone us free on **0800 555 100** Monday - Friday 9.00am - 9.00pm, quoting reference Z54.

ABBEY NATIONAL

The habit of a lifetime

This offer is subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time. To be eligible for this offer completion must take place before 31.10.94 and proof of paid legal fees must be submitted by 30.11.94. We reserve the right to make a charge equivalent to the value of the benefit received if, on or before 5.4.97, you either redeem this mortgage or convert it from variable rate terms. Typical example: a couple (male and female), both non smokers, aged 30 next birthday, applying to us for an endowment mortgage of £40,000 (towards the purchase of a property priced at £60,000) secured over 25 years. 300 monthly mortgage payments of interest of £219.30 net of tax relief. 300 monthly endowment premiums of £51.64. Total amount payable £117,598.44. Example calculated at 7.74%, 8.0% APR. APR is typical and variable and calculated to include £50 deeds handling fee (charged on redemption) and accrued interest of £148.44 assuming completion on 15.6.94. (We have not included £175 for the inspection fee or £117.50 for the legal fees in connection with the mortgage in this example as these will be reimbursed by us.) Secured loans and mortgages require a charge on your property and in the case of an endowment mortgage an endowment/life policy for the amount of the advance and a charge over the policy. All loans subject to status and valuation and are not available to persons under 18. A mortgage guarantee policy may also be required if the loan exceeds 75% of the purchase price or valuation of the property, whichever is the lower. We require the property to be insured. If you do not insure through Abbey National we reserve the right to charge an administration fee of £25. Written quotations are available on request. Details correct at time of going to press. Abbey National plc, Abbey House, Baker Street, London NW1 6XL.

YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT.

Z54

Mirroring the Easter celebration of Divine Reality

Richard Whitfield

Resurrection, far from being a theological afterthought, is that which puts a spring in our *stride within our everyday* journeying. This has implications for every aspect of our being and becoming, and for the work of all educators.

Politicians, professionals and bureaucrats have managed both to create and to collude in a highly expensive system of compulsory mis-education. Now largely driven by materialism and technocracy, spiced by periodic superficial moral exhortation, it is manifestly failing to help many young people to construct a life. The three Rs, as defined traditionally are vital tools to that end. But they are only tools, for on their own they cannot create meaning out of human experience.

Given the extensive turmoil within adults' relationships, children are increasingly deprived of their right to a framework of stability and security. Yet we know that lack of pattern to and inconsistencies in daily routine make children uncertain of their social and moral behaviour, and undermines their educational potential. In addition, major dislocations in life circumstances remove continuity of life story and promote meaninglessness.

The "bottom line" is that cultures do not survive if *they fail to safeguard, by a* range of social and economic supports and controls, the relations between men and women for procreation and child rearing. At the least we have become careless about these, making marital stability, and the safe rearing of the next generation more difficult *than ever.*

The agenda for serious human relations education includes an understanding of our phased human development over the life course, in each of its biological, emotional, intellectual, moral and spiritual dimensions; it requires structured practice in human communication, including conflict resolution. Simulated study of partner selection, and the division of roles and responsibilities, including the management of time and money, is necessary to help stabilise family relationships, with the development of shared parenting *skills an important focus.*

The ways in which people treat each other, including sexually, always involve moral considerations. The ongoing controversy about sex education reflects a failure to include strategies within health education that might progress young people through the phases of moral development towards moral autonomy.

*The range of social free*doms available to most young people requires us to immerse them in advance in the range of moral dilemmas they are likely to encounter. The present education system lacks the courage to morally educate, while a minority hope that moral indoctrination might still be possible. However, the sexual genie is out of the bottle and there is no putting it back. Sexual and moral integrity have to become serious educational goals, for repression and edict also have their price.

Credo

Such goals are impossible without a coherent general education which seriously inter-relates the development of mind with that of our innate and acquired emotions. Head and heart, right and left brain hemispheres, *need to be in greater unison* if we are not to be either clever devils or pathetic, dangerous, emotional illiterates in interaction.

We all need roots and secure love born of at least a *few reliable relationships.* As interdepeudent social animals we literally make each other possible.

The consequence is secure identity in reality from a chain letter of reliable loving relationships. This is a mirror of the Divine Reality which we celebrate this weekend.

☐ *Professor Richard Whitfield is Warden of St George's House, Windsor Castle, and Honorary Chairman of The National Family Trust.*

Leading article, page 17
At Your Service, Weekend, page 2



stephane kélian
ONE DAY SALE
Bank Holiday Monday 4th April
Only at
49A Sloane St. London S.W.1
Tel- 071 235 9098

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

EVEN STANDING STILL IT'S MOVING.



The best way to fully appreciate Xantia's breathtaking looks is when it's standing still.

A rather tall order as, chances are, most owners will be on the move enjoying the legendary Citroën ride and Xantia's captivating roadholding.

They'll be relaxing in one of the most spacious cars in its class, whilst enjoying the luxuries afforded to someone travelling in a cabin that's finished to the highest quality.

Who else but Citroën would spend over 90,000 man-hours shielding the interior from exterior noise.

And who else but Citroën, with such attention to detail, would put remote radio controls on the steering wheel to enhance driving safety.

With this thought in mind, we gave Xantia a Unified Safety Structure that protects driver and passenger alike by deflecting the force of any impact away from the cabin.

Of course you're not the only one who's protected – Xantia is too. Every model is equipped with a sophisticated security alarm, and most have engine immobilisation and deadlocks.*

Consequently, the best place to get into a Xantia is at your nearest Citroën showroom.

CITROËN
Xantia

There are 9 petrol and 6 diesel models with prices starting at just £11,150.

WHAT CAR?
BEST DIESEL CAR 1994.
BEST FAMILY CAR 1994.

What Car? were so bowled over that they awarded it Best Family Car and Best Diesel Car in their recent 1994 Car of the Year awards. So it seems even the sternest of critics have been moved by Xantia.

For more information about the Citroën Xantia, please phone free on 0800 262 262 or return this coupon to: Dept. TIC 461, Citroën UK Limited, Freepost, London N4 1BR.

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms Initials Surname

Address

Postcode Telephone

Current Car Make Model

Reg. Letter Petrol ☐ Diesel ☐ Saloon ☐ Estate ☐

Intended Replacement Date: Month Year

To be Purchased: Company ☐ Private ☐ New ☐ Used ☐

DISCOVER WHAT CITROËN CAN DO FOR YOU.

*DEADLOCKS FITTED TO ALL MODELS EXCEPT 1.8i AND 1.8D. CODED ENGINE IMMOBILISATION STANDARD ON ALL PETROL MODELS. PRICE OF £11,150 CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS AND INCLUDES VAT BUT EXCLUDES ADDITIONAL ON THE ROAD COSTS OF £517 FOR NUMBER PLATES, DELIVERY AND SIX MONTHS' ROAD FUND LICENCE. MODEL PICTURED XANTIA 2.0i VSX 16 VALVE. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR NEAREST CITROEN DEALER, PHONE FREE ON 0800 262 262 OR WRITE TO: DEPT TIC 461, CITROEN UK LTD, FREEPOST, LONDON N4 1BR. FOR TAX FREE/EXPORT SALES CONTACT CITROEN BERKELEY SQUARE ON 071 629 8818.



Three more ways to take a bite out of the bill.

Recently we've told you that we've taken five bites out of the phone bill in just over nine months.

Well, the good news is that you can now take three more.

For starters, may we recommend our brand new *Friends & Family* discount plan?

Choose five phone numbers you call regularly (local, national or even one international number) and you'll get a tasty 5% off the call charges every time you phone the people you love the most. A one-off payment of £4.99 is all it takes to qualify.*

And 40,000 of our customers have already done so.

A main course? Tuck in to *Option 15*,* offering residential customers a healthy 10% discount on all direct-dialled calls, in return for a quarterly option fee of just £4. 1½ million customers already benefit from this.

What's more, register for both *Option 15* and *Friends & Family*, and the discount on your five chosen numbers rises to a truly mouth-watering 15%.

Alternatively, those watching their budgets even more carefully will enjoy our *Light User Scheme*, designed to help people who need a phone to stay in touch – but who make very few calls themselves. It could mean a rebate of up to £12.30 on the quarterly rental† bill for the three million or so customers who already benefit.

Over the coming months you can be sure of a number of appetising new savings. In fact we're constantly adding to our menu.

If you'd like further information about BT's pricing initiatives, please call us now on Free*fone 0800* **800 891**.

BT

We go further, to bring you closer

*BT automatic discounts do not apply with *Friends & Family* or *Option 15*. †Quarterly residential line rental is £23.69. All prices include VAT.

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

Britons find little light at end of the tunnel

FROM DOMINIC KENNEDY IN CALAIS

■ The people of Calais are happy to see British shoppers arrive, and even happier to see them leave at the end of the day

THE most patriotic Englishman living in Calais, Christian Boot, is aghast. "I hear they are going to play the socialist anthem at the celebrations for the opening of the Channel tunnel," he says, humming a phrase of the *Internationale* with distaste.

His suspicions are confirmed by an embarrassed local official: the tune has been chosen as part of a medley to be performed by 1,300 musicians on the docks during the festivities in May.

Mr Boot's family has created much of the town's prosperity since arriving from Nottingham after the Napoleonic wars. "I am hoping to meet Her Majesty the Queen," he says, raising his voice so that it can be heard by the citizens of the republic in the Cercle Maritime club.

Mr Boot, 59 and born in France, is a relative of the pioneer of the multiple chemist Jesse Boot. He was taught at his father's knee to speak the Queen's English. The proud bearer of a British passport, he drinks tea brewed using Earl Grey leaves imported from Harrods, and during the summer raises the Union Jack above his hut on the beach.

His great-great-grandfather, Jonathan, began a time-honoured British tradition of avoiding customs duties and outwitting French officialdom when he smuggled the first loom into Calais on board a fishing boat in 1817.

Local burghers promptly banished the lace industry beyond the town's borders, claiming the looms were too noisy. Despite their efforts, Calais became a lace centre of the world.

Today's most prominent British investors, the cash-and-carry merchants selling cheap alcohol to day trippers, face similar battles with bureaucracy, which they blame on the mayor and his Communist-dominated council.

One of them, Dave West, 50, a reformed tobacco smuggler and former barrow boy, says: "They love the British in Calais as long as we catch the last ferry home. I've been in court more times in these last few years than ever in my lifetime."

Despite the record numbers of British day trippers visiting Calais, it lacks a single British-owned pub or restaurant. One publican explained that it was difficult for a foreigner to get a licence.

Calais has failed singularly to attract British investment to coincide with the tunnel's opening, and there seems little enthusiasm among the natives for a British shopping revolution.

Among the few British-owned industries to have been in the town for many years are Tioxide, P&O, Courtaulds and the chain manufacturers Brampton Renold. Mr Boot employs 60 workers in the lace industry. Sainsbury's is to open an off-licence this year, to be followed by Tesco.

Gérard Barron, communications director for Calais Chamber of Commerce, a powerful body which manages the port, says: "We have such a wide choice of wine, it seems a little stupid to buy Sainsbury's wine."

Five years ago *The Times*, under the headline "Calais is open for business", reported that the town hoped to become the biggest development area in Europe.

M Barron, asked which British investors had been attracted to the town, lamely pointed to Mr Boot.

"At the moment," he said, "we are not very proud of the result on Channel tunnel investment. Five years ago we had a lot of contact with speculators." Since then, "Rien, malheureusement . . ."

Channel shopping, Weekend, page 3

CHRIS HARRIS



Christian Boot keeps the flag flying for Britain on the beach at Calais

Customs pays £1m for lost cheque

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

CUSTOMS officials are paying £1 million to a London council in an out of court settlement over a missing VAT repayment cheque.

Scotland Yard's counterfeit currency and cheque squad is still trying to trace the money from the cheque, which was cashed in Vienna soon after it disappeared. Customs confirmed agreement had been reached with Haringey council over the cheque, which vanished in October 1992.

The £1.16 million cheque was sent to the council in the post. It was three months before the council realised the cheque had not arrived.

As police launched an investigation, Customs and the council began a dispute over responsibility. The two sides were due to go to court later this year after Haringey issued a writ for repayment but this week Customs and Excise offered to repay the council.

A Customs spokesman said payments were no longer sent through the post but used the bank transfer system.

Bird's passion play goes to ground

BY DERWENT MAY

WALKERS taking to the moors this weekend to see the spectacular mating ritual of the black grouse may be disappointed. A study of this large game bird in the northern Pennines — one of its chief haunts in England — shows that it is in danger of being driven out by sheep and its cousin, the red grouse.

David Baines, writing in the ornithological magazine *Ibis*, shows that black grouse in this area are concentrated in a few pockets of heather moor and bog. Here they feed on cotton grass flowers in the spring and heather in the autumn and winter. The surrounding grassland is managed for sheep grazing and the breeding of red grouse. Efforts are under way to prevent further erosion of the important heather areas.

Walkers who manage to find a black grouse lek or display ground will see a remarkable sight. Each cock, a glossy black bird with lyre-shaped tail, takes up a small plot of open ground and defends it furiously against its neighbours. The birds crow wildly, jumping up and down and fanning out their tails. When the females, or grey hens, arrive, the males circle around them with a prancing step, tilting their bodies towards them.

The females choose as partners the most vigorous birds, with a preference for those that have managed to get a place at the centre of the group. They mate with them on the spot. One blackcock may get several mates, while others get none.

After that, the hens are on their own. They get no help from their partners in making a nest or bringing up their young. However, they usually manage to rear their brood successfully.

Another stronghold of the black grouse is in the moorland regions of Tayside. It is thought to be extinct on Dartmoor and Exmoor. There are probably 10,000 to 15,000 hens laying eggs in Britain each year, and rather more cock birds. In much of the Continent it is also a declining species, though numbers are steady on the edges of the conifer and birch forests in Scandinavia and Russia.



The red grouse, driving out the black grouse

All Homebase Brand paint is rigorously tested for its lasting qualities. If it can survive 2 years' exposure to all weathers, it can survive virtually anything. It also has to pass our black and white checkerboard test for its ability to cover a surface efficiently. And with over 200 paints in a wide range of colours we can satisfy the most exacting interior decorator. Last, but not least, comes the price test. Check the prices below with other brands. You'll be hard pressed to find a better quality paint for the price.

SAINSBURY'S HOMEBASE HOUSE AND GARDEN CENTRES

Good ideas cost less at Homebase.

Homebase Brilliant White Emulsion 5 litres, Matt, Silk or Softsheen.....£7·99
Homebase Liquid Gloss Brilliant White 2·5 litres.....£6·99
Homebase One-Coat Gloss Brilliant White 2·5 litres.....£6·99
Homebase One-Coat Masonry Paint 5 litres, Smooth White.....£12·99
Homebase Kitchen & Bathroom Paint 2·5 litres. Choice of colours.....£9·99
Homebase Coloured Emulsion 2·5 litres, Matt, Silk or Softsheen.....£8·49

The Homebase Brand. If you can find a better paint for the price, buy it.

The first £1 million Premium Bonds jackpot.

(Watch it on the box.)

Live on Tuesday's Big Breakfast, Channel 4. 8.00–8.30am.

NATIONAL SAVINGS PREMIUM BONDS

© 1994 Pot Works Ltd. All Rights Reserved

Continental police warn London and Manchester of ruthless rivals to the Triads

Chinese gangsters aim to make a killing in Britain

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A POWERFUL Chinese criminal network to rival the notorious Triad gangs has arrived in Britain, according to European intelligence experts.

Senior officials from the Dutch criminal intelligence service, the CRI, believe members of the Tai Huen Chai have expanded from their original bases in mainland Europe to London and Manchester. The group is also known as the Big Circle Gang. It has become a byword for violence, taken control of the Dutch heroin market and generated widespread fear within Chinese communities.

Originally drawn from members of the Red Guard who fled from China, the Big Circle gangsters are well-armed and trained. If they try to establish themselves in Britain, the three or four Triad groups already operating here are likely to resist.

Within the wider Chinese community they would be feared for their ruthless operation of protection rackets. The Dutch believe they are also heavily involved in the smuggling of illegal Hong Kong and Chinese immigrants to the West.

So far, Scotland Yard's unit in London's Chinatown say they have seen no signs of the Big Circle, but regional drug squad officers are aware of the gang's existence in Britain. The Manchester police team working on Triads also reports no intelligence of their appearance but information on Big Circle operations has been exchanged between London and The Hague.

The worldwide rise of the Big Circle will be high on the agenda next month at an international conference of senior police and customs officers to be held in San Francisco. They will debate the spread of Asian criminal gangs.

The Big Circle has gangs operating in the United States and Canada. In mainland Europe, they operate in Amsterdam, Paris, Frankfurt and Antwerp. The Tai Huen took their title from a circle of camps outside one of the main Chinese cities where members were held prisoner during the internecine turmoil of the Cultural Revolution.

The former soldiers escaped to Hong Kong, where they worked for the established Triads and then began to take control for themselves. They now dominate businesses in some areas of the colony and the Hong Kong police found that the gangsters were quite prepared to fight police who challenged them.

During the mid-1980s the Big Circle began to appear in Holland in small cells and members of the group soon became the main suppliers of heroin from the Golden Triangle in south-east Asia. Police have also discovered extensive co-operation between cells across Europe and gang leaders have been trailed from Holland to meetings in Paris and Lille.

Within a few years, several of the traditional Triads in Holland had been pushed aside as the Big Circle began to dominate illegal gambling dens and protection rackets in five cities. At one stage, gangs ran an employment agency which supplied illegal immigrants to local businesses.

In 1988, the Amsterdam police made a public appeal for help in fighting a sudden rise in violence within the Chinese community. The Hong Kong police warned their Dutch colleagues about the violence used by the Big Circle and Dutch officers were told to take care carrying out routine checks on suspects.

So far, the Big Circle has not challenged European officers but experts acknowledge the fear that the Big Circle can generate. One Dutch official said: "When we first contacted Hong Kong we were told they were the most violent group."


MARTIN BEDDALL

Police in the Chinatown area of London have yet to establish the gang's presence

NEWS IN BRIEF

Three saved from blaze

A woman and her two babies were recovering yesterday after being rescued from their blazing home by two men.

Dean Tranter and Phil Hunt, who saw the fire at the house in Hall Green, West Yorkshire, climbed up a ladder and through a window. They carried 16-month-old Faye Donovan to safety, and persuaded her mother Christine, 22, to climb down. Firemen then arrived and rescued six-month-old Amy.

Fire threat

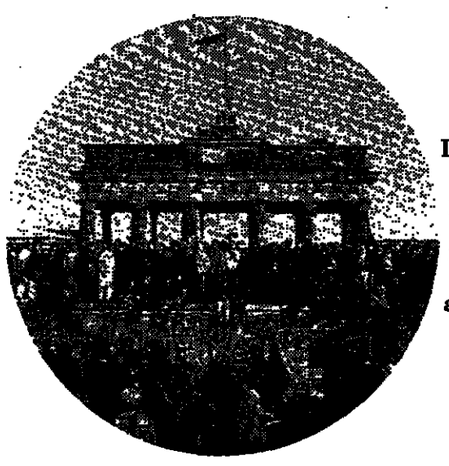
A man in Gosport, Hampshire, threw white spirit at two policemen and tried to set them alight after demanding that they brought back his estranged wife.

Shelter hit

Six people were hurt when a lorry crashed into a bus shelter in the centre of Leicester. Two were taken to hospital.

Fully booked

All 11 players in the Bedfordshire soccer team Icknield Rangers, defeated 5-0 by Round Green, were booked after abusing the referee.



In 1989 you could have fixed your mortgage at 12.5%.



In 1991 you could have fixed your mortgage at 10.6%.



It's 1994: you can now fix your mortgage at 6.99%.

MIDLAND
The Listening Bank
Member HSBC Group

Good job you waited.

It's 1969 since mortgage rates were as low as they've been this year. Neil Armstrong was landing on the moon, and an English tennis player was winning Wimbledon. It would have been the perfect time to have fixed a mortgage, if fixed rate mortgages had been around. Well they are now. If you ask for a quote at Midland we'll give you a guide on home security, and you could fix your mortgage with us at 6.99%. And once you've done that, the variable rate can do what it wants.

6.99% 2 year fixed rate 7.9% APR Typical & Variable

For more information, please send the coupon to: FREEPOST, Customer Information, Midland Bank plc, 41 Silver Street Head, Sheffield S1 1AY. Or call 0345 180 180.

NAME (MR/MRS/MS)

ADDRESS

POSTCODE TIMES 02/04A

A charge will be taken over your property and appropriate life policy(s). Before agreeing to lend you money we will want to make sure you can afford the repayments. Fixed rate mortgages require life assurance cover, if additional life assurance cover is required this must be arranged through Midland Life Limited. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The following examples illustrate the monthly repayments for a typical fixed rate mortgage of £30,000 over 25 years, with interest fixed at 6.99% until 31st May 1996. Thereafter, interest is charged at our variable mortgage rate, which is currently 7.74%. The Estimated costs and fees are based on a valuation or purchase price of £40,000 and include an estimated valuation fee of £115. A fixed rate booking fee of £195 has also been included in the estimated fees. CAPITAL REPAYMENT MORTGAGE: 26 monthly net payments of £185.88 followed by 274 monthly net payments of £197.70 (see notes below). Total Gross amount payable £67,615.50 (APR for the total charge for credit 7.9% typical and variable. The above is an example only. Written quotations for a specific advance are available on request at any Midland branch or Customer Information, Midland Bank plc, 41 Silver Street Head, Sheffield S1 3GG. Notes: The above quotation is based on our standard variable mortgage rate for new borrowers as at 5 April 1994. Relief at the basic rate of tax is given direct by the bank on the interest paid on the mortgage loan up to the statutory loan limit of mortgage interest relief (maximum amount of loan £30,000). The net repayment figures given above were calculated using 20% tax relief (effective from 6 April 1994). The limit and the relief may change. If you decide to repay part or all of the money before the end of the fixed period, there will be a fee to pay, equivalent to three months gross interest on the amount repaid if there are two years or less before the fixed period ends. Midland Life Limited is regulated in the conduct of its investment business by the SIB. Midland Bank plc is the selling agent of Midland Life and a member of IMRO. TT/70.

BEST MORTGAGE NATIONAL BANK OF 1994 OVER 2 YEARS

YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Tied in Oslo

The match between the British grandmaster Michael Adams from Truro in Cornwall and the Norwegian grandmaster and professional footballer Simen Agdestein has ended in a tie after Adams overpressed in the fourth and final game in which he had the advantage of white.

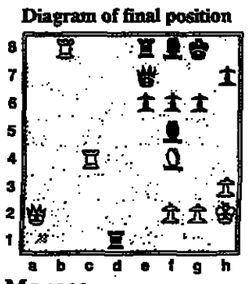
White: Michael Adams
Black: Simen Agdestein
Oslo Challenge, March 1994

Alekhine's Defence

1	e4	Nf6
2	e5	Nd5
3	d4	d6
4	Nf3	dxe5
5	Nxe5	g6
6	Bc4	c6
7	0-0	Bg7
8	Nd2	Nd7
9	Ndf3	Nxe5
10	Nxe5	0-0
11	Re1	Be6
12	Bb3	a5
13	c3	Qc7
14	Nd3	Bf5
15	Bg5	Rfe8
16	Qd2	a4
17	Bxd5	cxd5
18	Nb4	Rad8
19	Bf4	Qc4
20	Re3	f6
21	Rae1	Kf7
22	b3	axb3
23	axb3	Qxb3
24	c4	Qxc4
25	Rc1	Qb5
26	Rc5	Qa4
27	h3	Bd8
28	Nxd5	b6
29	Nxb6	Qxd4
30	Qa2+	e6
31	Rc7+	Kg8
32	Rc4	Qxb6
33	Rb8	Rd1+
34	Kh2	Qd8
35	Rb8	Qe7

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Monaco

In the rapid play/blindfold tournament at Monaco, the leaders after 10 rounds are Kramnik with 8 points and Anand and Ivanchuk with 7.5.

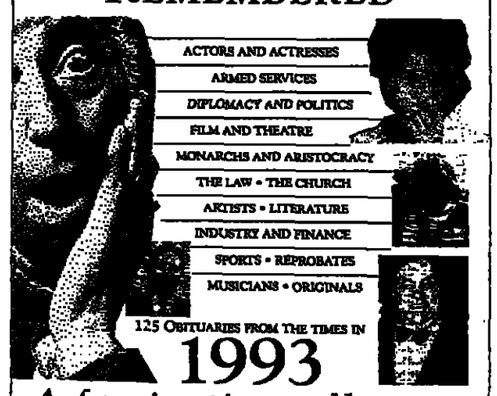
Oakham

At the recently concluded tournament in Oakham, James Howell (Manchester), Peter Wells (London) and Throstur Thorhallsson (Iceland) obtained grandmaster results.

Winning Move, page 40
Games, Weekend, page 27



THE TIMES
LIVES ~ REMEMBERED ~



125 OBITUARIES FROM THE TIMES IN 1993

A fascinating collection of mini biographies

– FOREWORD BY ROY HATTERSLEY –
EDITED BY ANTHONY HOWARD AND DAVID HEATON

ORDER FORM
~The Times LIVES REMEMBERED~
Please send me... ___ copy(ies) in hardback @ £14.99
___ copy(ies) in paperback @ £7.99
(Post free in UK, overseas orders add £6)
I enclose a cheque for £_____ made payable to: 'The Blewbury Press'
Alternatively please debit my Access/Visa card number

EXPIRY DATE SIGNATURE
NAME
ADDRESS
POSTCODE
TELEPHONE

Post coupon to:
The Blewbury Press Pound House Church Road Blewbury Oxon OX11 9PY
Telephone orders: 0235 850110 Fax: 0420 478664
Also available from booksellers

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

Kate Alderson examines the growing support for racist politics in the May election campaign

BNP victory at polls may set neighbour against neighbour

THE BALLOT BOX

FEAR of ballot-box victories for the British National Party and a consequent increase in racial attacks is creating a volatile climate in inner cities in the build-up to next month's local elections.

The concern was increased by an opinion poll yesterday which suggested that the BNP could take 30 per cent of the votes in the Millwall ward of Tower Hamlets, east London. On the same day, the Commons' all-party Home Affairs Select Committee demanded the Government create a new offence of racially motivated assault.

Racial attacks, particularly in parts of London, have increased since the BNP's Derek Beackon won a council by-election in Millwall last September. Community leaders report a surge of violence against ethnic minorities. In Greenwich, southeast London, such attacks have increased 200 per cent and on the Isle of Dogs, the main stamping ground of the BNP, an increase of more than 60 per cent has been reported to the police and council. A Home Office study published earlier this year estimated that about 130,000 racially motivated incidents occurred each year, 16 times the 7,800 recorded by the police.

Such incidents have prompted some councils to bring in private detectives to patrol some areas and to act as professional witnesses. At Silwood housing estate in Lewisham, southeast London, they will patrol the walkways and stairwells and will be called to give evidence in court in cases of racial attack.

Margaret Moran, leader of Lewisham Council, said: "It is a special difficulty on this estate where a handful of racists are abusing tenants, throwing things through letter boxes and using physical threats.

"There is a real difficulty in getting enough evidence to take the people to court and so we hope professional witnesses will help."

More than 25 incidents of racial harassment on the estate are being studied by the council. It would usually expect to handle only six or seven at any given time.

The potential threat posed by the BNP extends outside London. In recent months the party has felt confident enough to distribute leaflets in the Moss Side area of Manchester, which has a large black community.

They BNP believes that the time is ripe for the growth of racist politics in rundown inner-city areas with large immigrant populations, and is focusing on the North West, West Midlands and also parts of the North East.

Other political parties are alarmed. Privately, Labour Party workers concede that it is likely the BNP will take at least two seats on the Isle of Dogs.

ROBIN MAYES



The BNP councillor Derek Beackon is acclaimed by some of the white community on the Isle of Dogs, but graffiti likens him to Hitler

Party sets sights on Commons

■ BNP workers deaf to opposition in east London are convinced that their party is on an unstoppable march to Parliament

THE British National Party believes that its rise, starting on the streets of east London, will lead all the way to the House of Commons. This was the unanimous view of John Tyndall, the party leader, and his workers who were canvassing housing estates on the Isle of Dogs last Saturday.

Forty BNP activists met for their regular leaflet delivery under the direction of John Edmonds, party propaganda chief, and Councillor Derek Beackon, whose electoral success is their inspiration.

About half of the group wore the racists' uniform of bomber jackets, cropped hair, Union Jack badges and Dr Marten boots. The rest were dressed casually in anoraks, leather jackets, jeans and track-suits. Among the group, who were aged from late teens to mid-forties, were two women, a bearded 30-year-old man who would have looked more at home at a Christian prayer meeting, and a few earnest young men who attempted to convince cynics that the BNP was an intellectual force. By the end of the canvassing, however, their behaviour had predictably descended into simple force, when they demanded that our photographer hand over his film. Their diplomacy quickly turned to swearing and a threat of violence.

Mr Edmonds, a tall, gangling man, barked orders and regularly demanded to know who had sanctioned the presence of the press. Younger members of the group were angry, too. But Mr Beackon and the party's press officer insisted it was a necessary part of the democratic process.

The leadership has recognised that the three main parties, because of ineptitude and in-fighting, have created a political vacuum in the East End and that now is the time to convince voters of the credibility of their party.

Mr Tyndall said a few days earlier: "Our plans are for a flat-out attempt to win one, or even two, neighbourhoods in Tower Hamlets, and with the nationwide attention that would attract it would help us all over the country.



Tyndall: anxious to dispel violent image

"For many years the problem of parties like ours making headway has not been opposition to our policies but belief that we could never win anything. Of course, we exploded that by winning last September; winning two more seats is a step further to national credibility.

"It may seem like a dream for us to get a majority in the House of Commons, but last year it was a dream for us to win any seats."

Mr Tyndall was anxious to dispel the party's violent image. "I don't believe we've got the slightest thing to do with racial attacks," he said. "There are a few violent elements but they are greatly exaggerated, and we certainly kick them out of the BNP as far as we can."

He said the BNP would be standing in 18 areas throughout Britain, but as the weeks go by it appears that the party is putting all of its energy into securing success in the East End. A party organiser in the North East and Yorkshire said a few days ago that it was unlikely any candidates would be fielded in the region.

One of the activists in Tower Hamlets, a 30-year-old taxi driver, said: "I joined about a year ago because whites are becoming second-class citizens in their own country. The BNP is all about keeping our culture, keeping our Britishness." He said he has black friends, and sees no contradiction in this: "Blacks aren't all bad, are they?"

Mr Beackon is one of the few in the group who talks to residents. He stops at a front gate where Rose, 61, a retired bank clerk, accepts a leaflet from him.

East End born and bred, she says she is happy living on the racially mixed estate and commends Mr Beackon for being an active politician: "He is the only one who comes round here regularly. You never see Labour and Paddy Ashdown's lot."

However, she is anxious to tell him that she is not a racist. "I've got black friends and they're all right!" she says awkwardly.

The councillor walks away. Rose says: "There's not racist tension on the Isle of Dogs, they're just playing up a few incidents."

Across the road, a car tries to pass by the party workers huddled in the road: "Move aside, lads. We don't own this estate yet," one young man says. His comments are greeted by approving laughter.

Youngsters take up political fight

ASIAN VIEW

THE time for appeasement, for sitting back quietly and letting the politicians tackle racism, is over for Nasir. He and a huge number of hitherto apolitical Asian youths feel that the three main parties have let them down, and they are angry.

Nasir's fear of racism is greater than ever, hence his reluctance to divulge his surname. His friends are continuously attacked near their homes yet the Government and the Labour Party do not care, he says, and the Liberal Democrats have done nothing but pander to the racists.

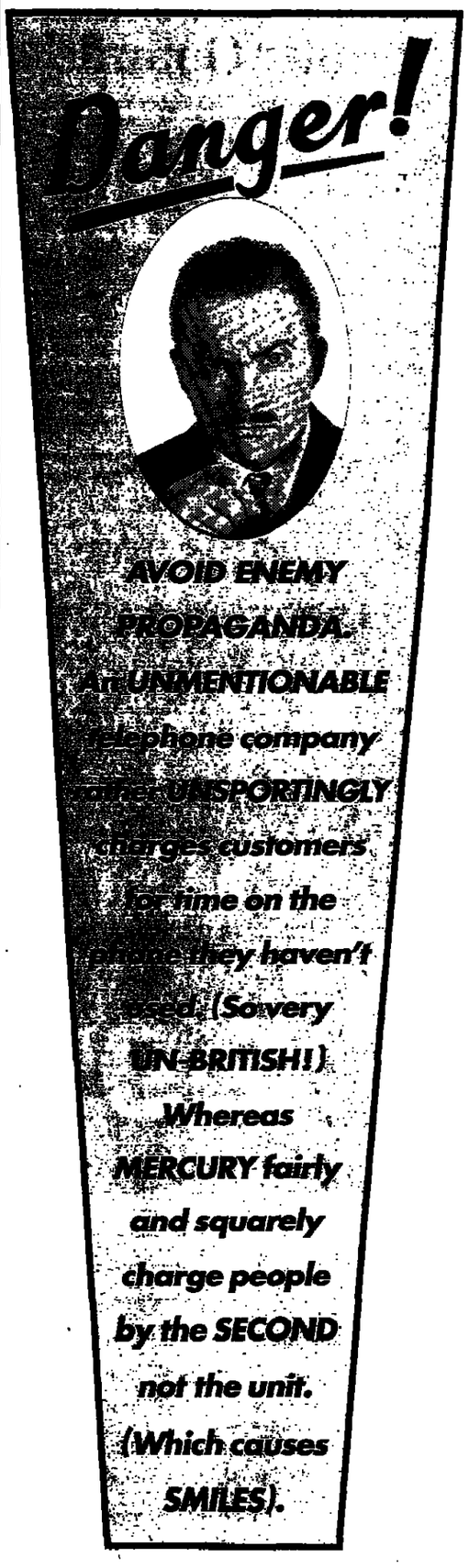
Last summer Youth Connection, an umbrella organisation for young people from ethnic minorities, was formed in Tower Hamlets to counter the growth of racism. Nasir, a 21-year-old youth worker, is one of about 50 core members who meet regularly to discuss how to stop racism, particularly canvassing by the British National Party.

Last month they were prominent at a TUC anti-racism rally in London. Days before they had been on the streets around Brick Lane, giving leaflets to their elders leaving the mosques after prayers, in an unprecedented display of political mobilisation.

"If you are a young person in Tower Hamlets you have to participate in politics now," Nasir said. "In October, 2,000 Asian youths from the area marched against racism because our voice has to be heard. As individuals we can't do anything, but as a group we have strength."

The Government should ban the BNP from public speaking, like its broadcast ban on Sinn Fein, he says. "They openly say they want blacks deported and nothing is done about it. We have lost all trust with the police, they rarely do anthing for us, and no amount of legislation will change that. They don't have the heart to change."

The resurgence of racism has forced a profound change in the political conscience of Asian youth, according to Kumar Murshid, the chair of Tower Hamlets Anti-Racist Committee. "They realise that if the battle against racism is lost in the May elections it will be lost elsewhere," he said. "They feel we have come to a juncture like we did in the Thirties and the Sixties."



THE 1994 INTERNATIONAL SPRING GARDENING FAIR



EASTER THURSDAY TO EASTER MONDAY

OLYMPIA LONDON

- Hundreds of Britain's finest nurseries and equipment suppliers
- See Holland's massive Water Tulip Pyramid with 40,000 blooms
- Twenty spectacular Feature Gardens
- The new-look BBC Gardeners' Question Time daily
- Scores of FREE Celebrity Talks, Lectures and Demonstrations
- Rare and exotic plants on show and on sale
- 9.30am to 6.30pm every day, closing 5.00pm Monday
- Don't miss the Great Floral Sell-Off from 4pm Monday
- TICKETS ON THE DOOR - £9 Adults, £5 after 2pm, £3 Children, £20 Families (2 adults, 3 children)

FREE FREESIAS!!
A box of 10 freesia bulbs for all adult visitors
on SATURDAY, SUNDAY and MONDAY,
courtesy of Holland - The Flower of Europe!!

'You see a white person and you are scared ... I can't walk freely here'

THE VICTIM

EVERY hour of every day Muktar Ahmed's family know exactly where he is, who he is with and what time he will return home. The severity of a recent attack has left him with vivid scars and his family virtual prisoners in their home. If his attack was not typical, his fear is.

"You don't feel safe on the streets. If it could happen to me, it could happen to any of us," said Muktar, 19, from Bethnal Green, east London. "The people who did this to me have no humanity inside them, they are very cruel. Things are getting worse, there have been more incidents — I just happened to be the worst one."

Muktar was the victim of the most horrific incident of racial violence since last September when the British National Party won a council seat on the Isle of Dogs. He was almost beaten to death by up to 30 white youths only 50 yards from his home and spent days on a life-support machine, his head swollen to twice its normal size. He received no blows to any other part of his body, only his head. He says quietly that his attackers were clearly kicking him to kill him.

Since the attack in February his mother has not left the house, his 13-year-old sister is escorted to school and Muktar avoids going out alone and after dark.

He hunches his small frame over a table and rubs his head, a patchwork of scarred skin and shorn hair. A business administration student at a local college, all he wants is to settle down and have a good job. "I used to be free but I'm not anymore, it's like someone is controlling me. I feel angry because this is my home town and I can't walk freely here. You go out of the front door, you see a white person and you are scared, always looking over your shoulder."



Muktar Ahmed was attacked by nearly 30 white youths

Muktar is saddened that he must grow up in an area where race is an issue. "They see us as the problem, the brown people getting housing and jobs, but they want to see the conditions we live in. They are the problem, not us."

He fears the situation will become worse if the BNP makes further gains in the May elections. "It would be very scary if they win any seats. We know that they will move in to the area and make our lives hell. If the police tried, they could do a lot more. People rarely get charged for attacks and we're getting fed up with it."

His brother Aktar, 23, a factory shop owner, watches over Muktar in the lounge of the flat where they have lived for 18 years. They talk about their increased involvement in politics since the rise of the right wing in the East End and both agree they cannot afford to turn their back on community politics now as they had previously done.

Aktar has lost his faith in white people. "I grew up with white people, white friends. They used to come round for dinner, we played together, but my brother's attackers are among them.

"A white friend of ours from school recently joined the BNP. Can you imagine how that makes you feel? We have trusted whites before, but after they do this you simply can't."

His father believes the present racial conflict is worse than at any other time since he came to Britain 46 years ago from Bengal. "The difference today," Aktar says, "is that these people want to kill us."

When Aktar visited the hospital after his brother's attack he could not recognise him because his face was so distorted.

He said: "I sat by his bed and just wished that one of the people who did this to him was in the bed next to him with his parents there, worrying about him. Perhaps they would understand then."

A few days ago, Aktar stopped a fight between two white men. "The man on the floor told me I'd saved his life. I said it was no problem and asked if he would do the same for me. He looked me in the eye and said, 'No.'"

Sarajevans ready to enjoy Easter of peace and flowers

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

■ Spring is in the air in the siege-free Bosnian capital: children are back at school, gas and electricity are on. Even the tanks are stopping at the traffic lights

AS THE snows melted two springs ago, Serb nationalists began setting up barricades and artillery positions around Sarajevo. This year the dawning of spring has brought bright yellow wild flowers and new life to a besieged city that has unexpectedly found peace.

Spring is in the air in Sarajevo. As if awakening from a two-year hibernation, residents have leapt from their shelters and back into a fashion of normal life. After two years of intermittent one to four-hour classes a week, children are again beginning to complain about being tired of attending school every day. The sound of children released from school in the afternoon, the sudden burst of noise and energy as they make their way home through Sarajevo's now-safe streets, has made the city seem almost normal.

For the first time since the war began in April 1992, religious holiday celebrations do not have to be kept subdued for fear of drawing fire from Serb gunners on the hills around the city. Tomorrow, the city's Croats and their Serb and Muslim friends in Sarajevo will enjoy Easter Day without the fear that a shell will explode outside a church and slaughter worshippers.

The clank of trams' wheels and the ringing of their bells have quickly eclipsed rifle and artillery fire as the sounds of the city. After so many months in darkness, 24-hour electricity is common in most of Sarajevo: water comes once a day; many telephones work; there is even gas for cooking and heating. Such simple comforts have changed lives.

Outdoor cafés and restaurants where slick, well-dressed Sarajevans in buttoned shirts and pressed blouses peer at each other through sun glasses have engulfed the city. Most residents still do not get enough food to maintain their already dramatically reduced weight, but everybody is finding ways to live a bit of the old life. Computer hackers have set up a "bulletin board" with which they are now sending and receiving electronic mail to and from the outside world.

Some have taken to "normal life" with a kind of militancy. After two years of virtual anarchy in the once tightly controlled city, government officials, clerks and bureaucrats have taken to enforcing the rules with the kind of reckless abandon that would have made them blush during the previous Communist regime.

For the few who drive, it has been difficult to get reacclimatised to traffic rules. During the war, "Sniper's Alley", a tree-lined dual carriageway splitting the city, was driven along at more than 100mph. Lesser speeds greatly increased the chances of being killed. Drivers routinely drove on the wrong side to increase their chances of survival.

Now traffic lights force drivers to stop in spots that would have meant certain death two months ago. Even with only a tiny number of cars on the road, the city authorities made traffic lights one of their priorities. Empty roads seem lined with Kalashnikov-toting traffic police with a grudge against anyone fortunate enough to have fuel for their vehicle.

"It is all so ridiculous," said an architect sceptical of such a quick and vigorous return to the ways of old. "This is the only city in the world where the tanks stop for red lights. The other day I saw two tanks roaring past and the light turned red. They stopped. Those guys on top, in their goggles, behind the machineguns were just sitting there, waiting for the lights to change."

Photograph, page 2

UN troops prepare to enter Gorazde

Belgrade: The United Nations may send some 800 troops to the beleaguered Muslim enclave of Gorazde, according to UN sources (Tim Judah writes). The Ukrainian troops are part of the 3,500 reinforcements approved by the Security Council, and their dispatch to the so-called UN "safe area" is under consideration. The UN is also thinking of sending fresh troops to the north-west enclave of Bihac.

The reports came as fighting was said to be continuing in Gorazde for the fourth day. According to Bosnian radio, citing UN sources, 30 people have died and 132 have been wounded in the enclave in the past few days.

The Belgrade news agency Tanjug reported pitched battles round Gorazde yesterday, saying that the fighting in the area was "the fiercest since the outbreak of war". It said that two Serb soldiers had been killed on Thursday.

According to Jovan Zametica, the Bosnian Serb spokesman, "the Serbs were attacked in Gorazde. The moment the Muslims signed their federation agreement with the Croats, they turned their guns on us."

In Zagreb, the International Committee of the Red Cross said that nine Muslim civilians had been murdered in Serb-held Prijedor in the last few days, apparently revenge killings after return of the bodies of six local Serb policemen who were killed elsewhere.

President Tudjman of Croatia has accepted an invitation to visit Sarajevo.

Nine-year-old pilots her father across America twice

Girl flies into the record books



Rachel Carter in Ramona, California, after her record flight across America

FROM REUTER IN SAN DIEGO

RACHEL Carter stamped her name in the record books when she became the youngest person to pilot a plane across America twice at the age of nine.

Rachel first flew herself into the record books last week when she travelled coast to coast, accompanied by her father, Jimmy, beating the former record held by Vicki Van Meter, of Meadville, Pennsylvania, then 11. Ten days later, Rachel was back home in Ramona, about 40 miles northeast of San Diego, after landing a borrowed single-engine Piper Arrow at the local airport on Thursday.

"How do you feel?" someone asked from a crowd of three dozen friends, relatives and reporters after she taxied up the runway and emerged from the cockpit to hug her brother, Kevin, 12, and seven-week-old sister, Emily. "Good," she said, seeming a little in awe at all the attention.

"She did great," said Mr Carter, a professional pilot who taught his daughter to fly when she was seven. "I'm proud as I can be." Rachel added: "I feel good. I feel very good."

Mr Carter, a professional pilot, said: "This is the best quality time I ever spent with my kid." said Mr Carter. "It's been fun, exciting, the most fantastic time I can imagine." The most exciting part of the trip was "New York. They treated her like a queen," he said. Rachel said the prettiest was "Arkansas — lots of grass, trees". She is scheduled to appear on television twice next week.

But the best part was coming home, said her father. "There wasn't a sad moment except the first night she was away from her mom," said Mr Carter. Her mother, Joanne, talked to her daughter every night before she went to bed, and every morning before takeoff.

When Rachel stepped off the plane, there were no words, just a big kiss between the two. "The experience has helped her grow up a little bit, but I hope she's still my little girl," said Mrs Carter.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Russians agree to sign Nato pact soon

Moscow: Andrei Kozyrev, the *Russian Foreign Minister*, acted yesterday to reassure Nato over Russian participation in its *Partnership for Peace* programme, saying Moscow would sign up for the deal later this month.

An aide of President Yeltsin had caused consternation in the military alliance on Thursday by saying Russia might take another six or seven months to make a final decision to join the military co-operation plan. But Mr Kozyrev said this remark, by Vyacheslav Kostikov, the presidential spokesman, might have been misinterpreted "or maybe not accurately formulated". *(Reuter)*

Spy dispute, page 1

Sergeant guilty

Hanau, Germany: A court-martial jury convicted Stephen Schap, 26, a US army sergeant, of premeditated murder for decapitating his wife's lover, and giving her the head. He stood calmly as the verdict was announced. Sentence was to follow after mitigating evidence. *(AP)*

Budapest hope

Athens: Hungary has become the first former Communist bloc country to apply to join the European Union. Geza Jeszensky, the Foreign Minister, said this was the only way Hungary could ensure its security and intégrity. Poland plans to apply later this month. *(Reuter)*

War protest

Tokyo: Two Japanese right-wingers surrendered to police almost six hours after invading the offices of the liberal *Asahi Shimbun* and threatening hostages with dynamite, a pistol and a sword to protest about the newspaper's stance on the the Second World War. *(Reuter)*

Nuclear help

Kiev: Canada announced that it was offering Ukraine $Can15 million (£7.3 million) to help it to dismantle the world's third largest nuclear arsenal and to ensure "there will be no second Chernobyl", said André Ouellet, the Foreign Minister. *(Reuter)*

Nazi dead at 87

Madrid: Léon Degrelle, 87, a Belgian Nazi who became Hitler's governor of Belgium for 23 days, fought on the German side and was sentenced to death in absentia by a Brussels court in 1946, died at his home on Spain's Costa del Sol .....Obituary, page 19

Border killing

Moscow: A Russian border guard was killed and two were wounded on the disputed frontier with Estonia, a border guard spokesman said. He said two men were stopped by a patrol after crossing into Russia, but they opened fire and fled. *(Reuter)*

Photo man dies

Paris: Robert Doisneau, the French photographer renowned for his images of Paris life, died aged 81. One of his best-known pictures, of a couple kissing in a crowd, became the focus of a legal case .....Obituary, page 19

Israeli joke

Jerusalem: Israelis flooded the airport with offers of assistance after army radio broke into its morning broadcast with a report that a lost tribe of black Jews had been secretly airlifted from Gabon to Israel. It was an April Fool's joke. *(AP)*

Spirit of Tsar recalled in fight for vodka markets

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

BORIS Smirnov, the grandson of Russia's best-known vodka maker, has declared a victory in the battle with his Western namesake for the right to sell Russians their favourite drink under his family name.

In the latest stage of what is likely to be a protracted legal war, the state patent office has supported his claim to revive the name of the Tsar's vodka maker against the British-owned multinational brand Smirnoff, which is the French spelling of the Russian name.

"I am the direct descendant of Pyotr Smirnov through the male line and I have documentary proof," Mr Smirnov, who claims that his vodka is made from the original pre-revolution family recipe, said. "We are not heirs to the company. Too much time has passed to claim that. But we want to bring back to life an ancient Russian firm."

His Western rival, part of the food and beverage giant Grand Metropolitan, insisted that its trademark was still protected in Russia and that the latest ruling was "very general and vague". The British firm is pursuing six separate legal actions for infringement of brand rights against Mr Smirnov.



Smirnoff: the British version, a hit in Moscow

The Russian company, which uses the slogan, "Only vodka from Russia is real Russian vodka", and produces half a million bottles a year, is a long way from mounting a serious challenge against Smirnoff, which sells about 170 million bottles around the world every year. Even appealing to nationalist sentiment on a matter as seriously-regarded as vodka will not necessarily have much impact on Muscovites, who consume more than one million bottles of vodka a day.

Traders on Moscow's streets said that the heir to the Smirnov legacy still had a long way to go before he can hope to compete with his Western rival and the scores of other foreign vodkas with pseudo-Russian names, like Gorbachow and Rasputin.

Sasha, a self-proclaimed vodka connoisseur, who runs a kiosk selling spirits outside Moscow's Ukraine hotel, said that Russians knew how to make good vodka but still had a lot to learn about packaging their product. "When you see this bottle it looks good. You want to drink it," he said holding up a sample of Smirnoff's distinctive red and white-labelled vodka, which sells for about $10 (£6.70), about double the price of the locally made rival.

"Maybe the Russian Smirnov does know about vodka, but the product looks shoddy. I think he prints his labels on old newspapers. I don't even sell it."

Pasqua to crack down on rioters

FROM REUTER IN PARIS

CHARLES Pasqua, French Interior Minister, repeated a phrase used by Charles de Gaulle in 1968 when he said yesterday that the government would not tolerate a "shambles" (*chienlit*) after hundreds of rioters rampaged through Paris.

The riots on Thursday, among the most violent since the May 1968 student demonstrations, left a trail of burnt and overturned cars, shattered shopfronts and looted stores.

A police spokeswoman said 324 people were arrested and 74 handed over to the judicial authorities for prosecution for destroying public property, theft and carrying illegal arms. She said 120 policemen were injured. As angry shop owners accused police of failing to stop the rioters, M Pasqua said police did not intervene earlier in order to avoid injuring thousands of peaceful students celebrating victory over the abandonment of a youth wages law by Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister. "We will not tolerate a shambles, that is certain," he added.

The rioting capped a month of protests which forced M Balladur to withdraw a law allowing employers to pay young people less than the minimum wage on short-term training contracts. The government will instead pay companies a subsidy to give young people their first stable job.

Move your mortgage.

2·99% PA 7·7% APR

You don't have to move house to cut your mortgage payments.

Look at what you're paying now and compare what we have to offer. On an average loan of £50,000 your mortgage payment would be only £139.00 each month till June 1995.†

So, you could save money by staying put and simply moving your mortgage from another lender to Northern Rock.

You can borrow up to 85% of the property's valuation. All that you have to do is take out our Supercover Special buildings and contents insurance.

Or, if you prefer, you could take advantage of our £1,000 Cashback Mortgage or one of our attractive fixed rate deals.††

Find out how much moving your mortgage could mean to you at any Northern Rock branch.

Or call us free 9 to 5 Good Friday and Easter Monday, 10 until 3 Easter Saturday and Sunday. **0800 591 500**

NORTHERN ROCK

Northern Rock Building Society. Principal Office: Northern Rock House, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 4PL. Telephone: 091 285 7191.

Branches throughout the UK. Please consult Yellow Pages. Licensed Credit Broker. CS07

†Rate applied is 2.99% PA 7.7% APR until 1st June 1995. APR is variable. Rates may vary. A written quotation on loans can be obtained on request. Only available to persons 18 years of age or over, subject to status. Subject to our current lending criteria. A 4.75% reduction applies to Northern Rock's variable base mortgage rate, currently 7.74%, up to 1.6.95. Those applicants benefiting from this special discount who redeem their mortgage within three years from the date of completion will be charged an additional two months interest. This charge will be reimbursed if a new mortgage is then taken out with the Society. Example: A married couple aged 30 years and 28 years, both non-smokers, applying for an endowment mortgage of £50,000 over a 25-year term (300 monthly payments), completing on 1 May 1994, secured against a property being purchased for £67,000; 11 monthly mortgage payments net of tax of £139.00, followed by 3 monthly payments at £142.70 and then 287 monthly payments net of tax of £322.80. Monthly endowment premium £72.00. Total amount payable £144,623.92. Calculated to include. Solicitors costs £146.35. Valuation fee £150.00. Arrangement fee £150.00. Supercover Special insurance premium (Area 1) £351.75. Maximum loan £150,000.

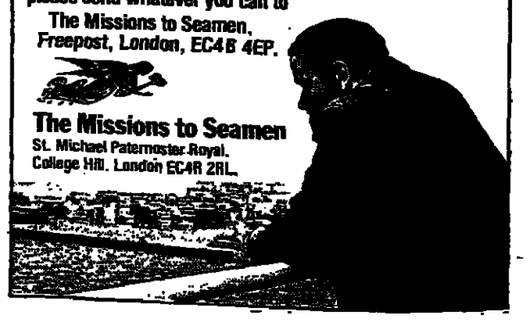
††Full written details of our £1,000 Cashback Mortgage and our Fixed Rate Products are available on request. The 2.99% rate applies to loans up to and including 85% of the purchase price or valuation, whichever is the lower. Where an applicant is borrowing more than 75%, the Society will require additional security. This is usually in the form of a Risk Charge.

YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT.

Loneliness is just one problem

And it is a fairly common problem for seafarers away from home for months at a time. But it is only one of the troubles that people bring to us. As a Christian society working among seafarers we are asked for all kinds of help-spiritual, emotional, social and practical. And we are there, ready to give all the help we can, in all parts of the world. To give this help we depend entirely upon voluntary contributions. Please help us to continue the Anglican Church's ministry to seafarers by a legacy, or please send whatever you can to

The Missions to Seamen, Freepost, London, EC4B 4EP.



The Missions to Seamen
St. Michael Paternoster Royal,
College Hill, London EC4R 2RL.

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

Alliance leader unrelenting as Italy's poll victors squabble over choice of Prime Minister

Berlusconi's ally praises Mussolini

BY JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

GIANFRANCO Fini, the far-right leader whose party is set to take part in Italy's next government, last night hailed Benito Mussolini, the Fascist dictator who seized power in 1922, as the greatest statesman of the century.

Signor Fini's remarks were his first on the Duce since his neo-Fascist party enjoyed its greatest election success for 45 years as part of the Freedom Alliance with the Forza Italia party of Silvio Berlusconi, the media mogul, and the federalist Northern League.

The comments by Signor Fini, who calls himself a "post-Fascist", were published in an interview with *La Stampa*. Asked for a judgment on Mussolini, Signor Fini said: "I would still say that he was the greatest statesman of the century." He added: "Berlusconi would have to pedal hard to show he belongs to history like Mussolini. Two identical men are not born in a year and not even in a century."

Signor Fini's remarks came as Umberto Bossi, the Northern League leader, snubbed Signor Berlusconi by failing to appear at a planned meeting to discuss the media tycoon's proposed new government. Signor Berlusconi went to the league headquarters in Milan for the scheduled talks with Signor Bossi only to discover the league leader had left town. "Bossi is more crafty than us, he has already left on holiday," Roberto Maroni, the deputy league leader who received the Forza Italia chief, said.

The league has been leading Signor Berlusconi a merry dance since his Freedom Alliance won the general election on Monday. On Thursday the league claimed the right to choose the Prime Minister and recalled that Signor Bossi wanted Signor Maroni to head a government, not Signor Berlusconi.

Signor Berlusconi humoured the league delegation on this question. The new Prime Minister "will be a suitable man, and there is no party selfishness about his choice either on our part or on that of the league".

He said the talks that lasted two and a half hours with Signor Maroni had addressed further the league's proposal for a new federal constitution. Federalism is the main league demand for its support of a government, but Signor Berlusconi is under increasing pressure from Signor Fini not to take devolution too far.

For the first time Signor Berlusconi indicated a government team and policy might not be ready by April 15, when President Scalfaro is to convene the parliament.

Signor Bossi and Signor Fini, who traded insults throughout the election campaign, have yet to meet. They each claim 105 of the lower house seats in the Freedom Alliance's total of 366.

Rome: Italian magistrates investigating alleged corruption offences recommended yesterday that Cesare Romiti, the managing director of Fiat SpA, the industrial giant, and 60 other people stand trial for accepting bribes, the Ansa news agency reported. Bettino Craxi, the disgraced former Socialist Party chief, and Franco Nobili, the former head of Italy's giant state industrial holding, Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale, were among those the magistrates want tried in the case, which involves the awarding of contracts for Rome's underground railway. *(Reuter)*



Mussolini: hailed as a great statesman

First Lady in waiting shuns the limelight

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

MIRIAM Berlusconi, the probable future First Lady of Italy, has been dubbed the "invisible woman" because she avoids publicity and rarely discusses her political views, which have not always coincided with her husband's free market crusade.

The former Bologna actress reportedly caught the eye of the mogul in 1980 while performing a topless role at Milan's Manzoni theatre under the stage name Veronica Lario. "I have never had problems with nude scenes if these are unavoidable for the purposes of the play," she once told *Gioia* magazine. "But there is gratuitous nudity and necessary nudity. Taking my clothes off is not my highest ambition."

After one performance Signor Berlusconi, the Manzoni's owner, went backstage. "He came to my dressing room and showered me with compliments. He told me I was very talented. I believed him then and have never stopped believing him."

The romantic encounter led to the birth of a daughter, Barbara, in 1984. The Milanese tycoon was already married to Carla Dall'Oglio, with whom he had two children, Piersilvio and Marina. In 1985 they were legally separated. The former actress had two more children, Eleonora, born in 1986, and Luigi, in 1988. The couple were married in 1990.



Miriam Berlusconi: distaste for publicity

Since the start of their partnership, Signora Berlusconi, 37, has lived quietly in an 18th-century country villa at Macherio, near Milan, bringing up their children and tending an organic garden. One magazine dubbed her "the invisible woman" because of her evident distaste for Milan high society. Her husband, 57, divides his private life between this Arcadian idyll and his villa at Arcore, where his eldest son lives. Signora Berlusconi told *Corriere della Sera* she had not yet considered moving to Rome as First Lady. "I have never thought of Rome ... from time to time I have thought of living in the great capitals of the world, with shops, museums and theatres. Then I think of my garden, of my home."

In the past, Signora Berlusconi identified with the moderate Italian left, including voting occasionally for the Socialist Party, whose leader, Bettino Craxi, is the godfather of her daughter Barbara. She told *Corriere della Sera* she had voted this week for Marco Pannella, the veteran Radical Party leader and libertarian human rights campaigner, who supported Forza Italia in a surprising shift from the left.

"I voted for him this time as well, out of respect for past battles that I shared and for his faith in the future. I have always felt on the side of the weak, but today the right-left conflict does not interest me any more.

"I believe that in this election the people voted for Silvio Berlusconi. It is not a victory for the right but for a man."

Greeks to seize royal property

FROM MALCOLM BRABANT IN ATHENS

GREECE'S Socialist government is to seize the property of the former King Constantine and cancel the royal family's passports, saying they are not Greek citizens.

Alexandros Papadopoulos, the Finance Minister, announced a draft Bill yesterday to return all royal property in Greece to the state and revoke all royal passports. Mr Papadopoulos said the government, elected last October, was honouring a campaign promise. The former king, 53, the godfather of Prince William, has lived in London since fleeing in December 1967 after a failed attempt to overthrow a military junta that seized power earlier that year. The monarchy was abolished in a 1974 referendum, shortly after civilian rule was restored.

Under previous arrangements, Constantine paid off tax debts of about £2 million, and in return expected to keep the summer palace at Tatoi, on the outskirts of Athens, the Mon Repos estate on Corfu, and extensive tracts of forest land in northern Greece. These will be seized.

Last summer, Greek military planes buzzed an Aegean cruise ship on which Constantine brought his youngest children, Theodora, 10, and Philipos, 8, to see Greece for the first time. The Socialists said that the visit was an attempt to sound out public opinion for a possible restoration of the monarchy.



Constantine: exiled in London since 1967

"What goes up must come down."
Isaac Newton
RUBBISH
A pension that gives you additional peace of mind.
Coming May 1st
MIDLAND
The Listening Bank
Member HSBC Group
TT/92

B&Q SPRING OFFERS TO GET YOU GROWING





B&Q Multi Purpose Compost
For potting plants, cuttings, baskets and seedlings. 80 Litres.
£3.79

Qualcast 18" Petrol Rotary Mower
3.7hp engine, 18 inch cut. With upswept blade, 5 cutting heights and large capacity grassbox.
£179.99
EXCLUSIVE TO B&Q

SIT BACK, RELAX AND ENJOY YOUR GARDEN.

Warwick Patio Set
Comprising 65cm round white resin table and 4 low back white resin chairs.
£24.95 per set



Garden Club Roma Collection Stacking Chair
High back, white resin.
£6.99 each



Arizona Barbecue
Cast aluminium, with push button ignition, dual control burners, 2 folding side shelves and wheels for easy manoeuvring.
£89.99

J. Arthur Bower's 'New Horizon' Peat-Free Multipurpose Compost
Perfectly balanced for strong plant and root development. Includes perlite and vermiculite to improve aeration, drainage and moisture retention. 80 Litres.
£3.79

B&Q Coir Peat-Free Multipurpose Compost
High quality coir based compost for sowing, potting, cuttings and hanging baskets. 80 Litres.
£3.79

B&Q Cocoa Shell Mulch
NEW
A rich, ornamental mulch for beds and borders. Helps suppress weeds. Retains moisture. 80 Litres.
£5.99

Black & Decker GX530C 'Hovermaster' Hover Mower
12 inch/30cm cut, with blade brake, safety lock-off switch, grass collection box and 15 metre cable. 1250W motor.
£134.50

Flymo 'Gardenvac' Garden Vacuum/Blower
650W motor, 100mph airspeed, with 16 metre cable. Designed to collect a wide range of debris from leaves and grass clippings, to larger items such as aluminium cans - suitable for collecting dry, damp or wet debris. Fully assembled and ready-to-use, supplied complete with shoulder harness and collection bag.
£77.99

B&Q Ground & Composted Bark
A long lasting natural soil conditioner, surface mulch and planting aid. 80 Litres.
£4.99

B&Q Decorative Chipped Bark
The totally natural way to suppress weeds and improve the appearance of your garden. 80 Litres.
£4.79

B&Q Peat Free Growing Bag
The alternative to a peat-based growing bag - contains composted natural bark, timber fines and balanced nutrients. 35 Litres.
99p

B&Q Growing Bag
Specially formulated compost for tomatoes and other crops. 37 Litres.
99p



Fisons Maxi Lawn Spreader
For easy and accurate application of Fisons granular lawn products. 18 inch width for easy application and marker wheels for extra accuracy.
£9.79

Fisons Evergreen Feed and Weed
Liquid lawn feed with weedkiller. 1 litre treats 100sq.m.
£5.99

B&Q Triple Action Lawncare
A granular lawn fertilizer that feeds the lawn, kills weeds and controls moss. 7kg treats 100sq.m.
£6.29

ICI Triple Action 'Grasshopper'
Complete lawncare system. Triple action mini-granules feeds grass, kills weeds, controls moss. 4.5kg treats 67sq.m.
£6.99

USE PESTICIDES SAFELY - READ THE LABEL BEFORE YOU BUY

NOW OVER 700 PRODUCTS ALWAYS AT LOW PRICES
THE PRODUCTS YOU BUY MOST -THE KEY D.I.Y PRODUCTS, ARE ALWAYS AT LOW PRICES.

Offers are subject to availability. Sizes shown are approximate. Some of our smaller Superstores may not stock the full range of products, please 'phone to check before travelling.

B&Q
The Home of D.I.Y
BRITAIN'S BIGGEST D.I.Y CHAIN-Freecall 0500 300 150 FOR YOUR NEAREST STORE

EASTER OPENING TIMES
Open Monday to Saturday 8am to 8pm. (including Easter Monday).
Easter Sunday (where permitted) 9am to 6pm.
Variations: B&Q Jersey closed Easter Sunday, Guernsey closed Easter Sunday, Isle of Man open 2pm - 5.30pm Easter Sunday. Elham open 9am to 6pm Easter Monday.

WE NOW ACCEPT SWITCH

Studio audience boos singer as she fills the air with obscenities, toilet humour and cigar smoke

Madonna breaks TV taste barrier

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

MADONNA, the pop star who has made a career out of shocking America, may finally have gone too far by appearing on the country's favourite evening television programme and delivering her most profane performance to date.

On the *Late Show with David Letterman* on Thursday night, Madonna appeared more than usually grumpy and foul-mouthed and promptly attacked America's best-loved talk show host with a string of obscenities.

"Why are you so obsessed with my sex life?" demanded the woman who has founded an entire industry out of her sex life. Letterman, a smooth figure who may have made an error by introducing Madonna as a celebrity: "who has slept with some of the biggest names in entertainment", seemed rattled by Madonna's diatribe and repeatedly apologised to the audience. "This is American television, you can't be talking like that," he begged.

After television censors had worked on the programme, which is recorded in the afternoon, much of the soundtrack was reduced to a succession of beeps. Clad in a green velvet gown and large combat boots, Madonna brought some of her underwear to the studio which she suggested Letterman might care to smell. He declined.

Having run out of rude words, Madonna offered this important piece of advice: "Do you know that it's good if you pee in the shower ... it fights athlete's foot. Urine is a good antiseptic." Letterman was baffled. "Don't you know a good pharmacist?" he asked.

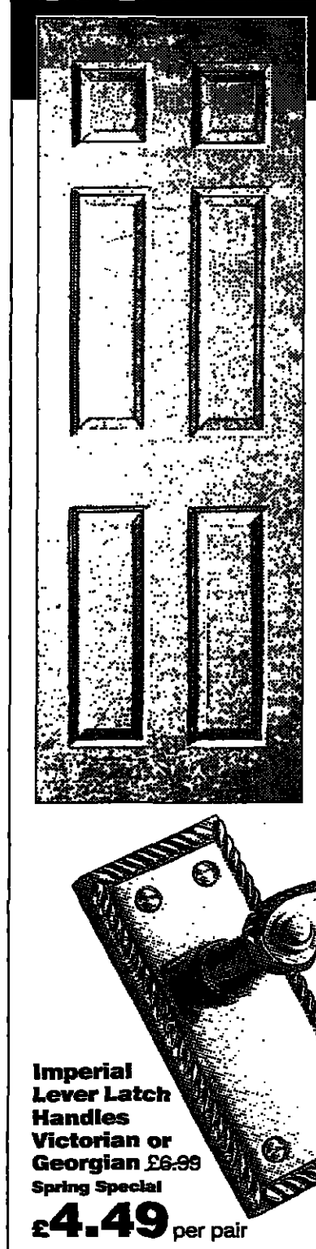
Many in the studio audience were jeering and booing, but Madonna, undaunted, lit up a large cigar and continued her assault. "Money's made you soft. You just kiss up to everybody on the show. You need to give people a hard time," she snapped. Having given Letterman the hardest time of his career, Madonna was finally persuaded to leave the stage after overstaying her allotted time by half an hour. "I'm happy you could come by tonight and gross us all out," said Letterman, but still the nose-ringed singer, actress, author and cultural icon appeared unwilling to depart.

"Can't this just go on and on?" Madonna asked. "It seems like it has," said a weary Letterman.



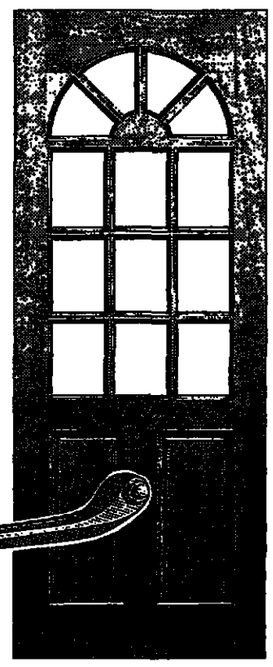
David Letterman, the usually smooth American talk-show host, wincing in reaction to the lighted cigar and profanity of his impolite guest, Madonna

UNBEATABLE PRICES GUARANTEED



Regency 6 Panel Deluxe Internal Door 78"x 30"
£25.99
Spring Special £23.99

Regency Bifold Internal Door to fit 78"x 30"
£39.99
Spring Special £29.99



Kentucky 9 Pane with Fanlight Hardwood External Door 78"x 33" £59.99
Spring Special £39.99

Windsor 10 Pane Hardwood External Door 78"x 33"
£69.99
Spring Special £46.89

Elite Patio Door Model 6
£229.00
Spring Special £199.00

Imperial Lever Latch Handles Victorian or Georgian £6.99
Spring Special £4.49 per pair

Planed Timber 19mm x 34mm x 2.4m Pack of 8
£12.69
Spring Special £6.34

The Do It All Promise
If you're not completely satisfied... We'll always take it back.
Whatever the reason, return any product with proof of purchase and we'll change it or refund your money without a quibble and, of course, we guarantee our prices won't be beaten.

DO IT ALL
Better products, unbeatable prices.

While stocks last. For your nearest store telephone: Freecall 0500 300321.
Free Delivery for purchases over £100. The Do It All Promise is in addition to your statutory rights.

Pretoria challenges Zulu power with clampdown on weapons

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG AND SAM KILEY IN DURBAN

■ Draconian regulations have been adopted to enforce peace in Natal and the Zulu homeland. So far there is no sign of the violence abating

PRESIDENT de Klerk yesterday gave the South African Defence Force *draconian powers to clamp down on* violence in Natal province and the homeland of KwaZulu which it surrounds. Details of the state of emergency announced earlier were gazetted, and include powers of summary arrest and detention for up to 30 days, and a ban on carrying a range of Zulu "traditional weapons".

Troops began patrolling townships *yesterday. About 150 defence force* reinforcements arrived in Durban as small groups of troops were deployed in Kwamashu, about 15 miles north of Durban. The KwaZulu police's role has not yet been decided. Until the state of emergency was imposed on *Natal/KwaZulu on Thursday, they* came under the command of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the homeland's Chief Minister, who said the move amounted to an "invasion".

In the township of Bhambayi, where at least 14 people have been killed in a week of clashes between Chief Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party and African National Congress supporters, *hostile groups armed themselves and* eyed each other across a strip of waste ground. Sporadic rifle shots rang out.

In a rare sign of goodwill, Inkatha and ANC youth league members joined hands in a Good Friday peace march in Durban, walking behind a *cross made from the charred beams of* homes razed in the Bhambayi violence. Witnesses said about 3,000 people took part in the silent march.

However, elsewhere in the province the killings continued. A man was shot after an argument outside the ANC offices in Durban. Violence was also reported from Umlazi, south of Durban, and Nongoma in north Natal.

Police and army officers met in Durban to plan security operations under the emergency. Colonel Frans Verfuss, a defence force spokesman, said the South African and KwaZulu police were both represented. The role of KwaZulu's police was on the agenda, he said. Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, said on Thursday that the police would be confined to barracks and could perform only such duties as the military gave them.

The list of weapons in the regulations which may not be carried in *public include all the traditional weap*ons beloved of Zulu demonstrators — assegais, clubs, knobkerries, spears, pangas and sharp sticks — as well as firearms and petrol bombs. One specific anxiety of the ANC — KwaZulu weapon-training camps in the bush — is taken care of. The regulations ban instruction in the use or manufacture of arms and explosives.

Anyone breaching the rules may be jailed for up to ten years. Kobie Coetsee, the Defence Minister, is to appoint and direct "control officers" for areas of the province.

Letters, page 17

Released Chinese dissident held again

Hong Kong: Security officials in Peking detained Wei Jingsheng, the dissident released from prison in September after almost 15 years (Jonathan Mirsky writes). The previous day the Foreign Ministry said he had been deprived of his political rights for three years.

Hong Kong government radio said Xi Yang, a reporter for the Hong Kong newspaper *Ming Pao*, has been jailed for 12 years by Peking on charges of stealing state financial secrets.

Pupils fired on

Dhaka: At least 100 people were hurt when police fired on stone-throwing pupils protesting over the Bangladeshi government leasing their school play area to build flats in Mirpur, near Dhaka. *(AP)*

Bakhtiar trial

Paris: Nine Iranians are to be tried, six in absentia, over the murder of Shapour Bakhtiar, the exiled former Iranian Prime Minister, in his home at Suresnes, near Paris, in 1991. *(Reuter)*

Killer executed

Jackson, Georgia: William *Henry Hance, 45, has died in* the electric chair for beating a prostitute to death 16 years ago. Hance, who doctors said was mildly retarded, claimed he was innocent. *(Reuter)*

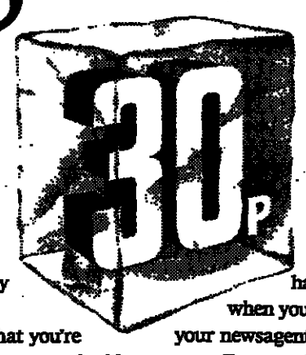
Drugged squad

Manila: The Philippines' 100,000 police have been ordered to undergo medical tests immediately, regardless of rank, because increasing numbers of them are using illegal drugs. *(Reuter)*

Boy foils bear

Winnipeg: Julius Rosenberg, seven, of Winnipeg, is the youngest Canadian to win a Medal of Bravery. He foiled a black bear attacking his sister, then three, 18 months ago by growling at it. *(Reuter)*

The Big Chill.



It's a unique offer: order The Times, and we guarantee to freeze the price until next year.

However – it's an offer we can't make indefinitely, so the sooner you place a regular order for The Times with your newsagent, the sooner you can be sure of paying only 30p* a copy until next January.

Bask in the warming thought that you're making a saving of some £50 a year, compared with those people who read more costly newspapers.

All you have to do is fill in the attached form, and hand it to your newsagent.

You will pay your newspaper bill in the normal way and you don't have to make any payment up front, or when you go on holiday – so long as you inform your newsagent when you go away.

For more information please phone 0733 344433.

*40p on Saturdays

TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PRICE GUARANTEE

you must ask your newsagent to deliver a daily copy of The Times to you (or save one for you). To do this fill in the form below and hand it to your newsagent who will ensure you receive your Times at our guaranteed price.
Please make sure that all your details are correct, so that we can send you confirmation that you have been registered as a regular reader. You will continue to pay your newsagent in the normal way, but you will have our guarantee that the price you pay* will not increase before 31st January 1995.

NAME (Mr/Mrs/Ms)
ADDRESS
POSTCODE TELEPHONE No.

Number of copies required each day (Mon – Sat)
Are you currently a regular Times reader? YES NO
If no, please tell us which paper you most regularly read.
You may receive other exclusive offers from The Times. Please tick the box if you do not wish to receive these.
Offer only available in the U.K.
*Your newsagent may levy a delivery charge at his/her discretion.

TO THE NEWSAGENT. Please deliver or reserve a daily copy of The Times for the above customer until further notice. To guarantee your supply of The Times at the retail price of 30p (40p on Saturdays) for this customer, please complete the form below and hand it to your News International wholesaler as soon as possible. Your margin will be maintained at the current level until 31st January 1995 for each copy you sell under this scheme. Please ensure that all your details (and those of your customer) are correct and legible; the price guarantee will not be effective unless all details have been validated. You will be paid a 5p handling allowance for each validated voucher returned.

NAME (Mr/Mrs/Ms) ADDRESS
POSTCODE** TELEPHONE No.
NI WHOLESALER BOX No.
**Please ensure that all postcode details are correct.

THE TIMES

2 FOR WITH AIR FRAN

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

Buddhist Bhutan fights to stem Nepalese cultural tide

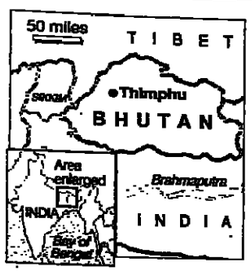
FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN THIMPHU, BHUTAN

■ The Land of the Thunder Dragon is feeling overwhelmed by the intrusive influence of Nepal, its Himalayan neighbour. Draconian measures by the Bhutanese king may have come too late

BHUTAN, last of the Himalayan Buddhist kingdoms, is fighting for survival. King Jigme Singye Wangchuck has introduced extraordinary measures to save one of the world's most vulnerable and isolated countries. It may be too late.

Television is banned, there are no political parties, almost all tourists are kept out, and Dzongkha has been declared the sole official language. Everything from the clothes to be worn in public to the appropriate style of formal greetings has been precisely defined to preserve a culture little changed in centuries.

The threat to Bhutan's heritage comes from the flat, fertile south, where ethnic Nepalese are the majority.



Nepal-based insurgents have destroyed hospitals, schools, bridges and electricity poles in a battle waged ostensibly for democracy. The objective is overthrow of the king and absorption of Bhutan's indigenous Drukpa people into Nepali culture.

Bhutan is underpopulated, has no unemployment and is comparatively prosperous. Free health care and education make it a magnet for poor Nepalese. This is the fabled Land of the Thunder Dragon, a country of yak herders, 300-year-old monastic fortresses, orange orchards and fields of cardamom. It is known as the hermit kingdom. The population of 650,000 has been curbed by the tradition of sending one son to the monastery and girls to become nuns. There is polygamy and polyandry: four brothers might take the same wife to save dividing a yak herd or a farm. King Jigme, 39, who succeeded his father in 1972, has four wives, all sisters, who have produced nine children.

Bhutan believes that without drastic steps it will soon go the way of Tibet, Sikkim and Ladakh — Buddhist kingdoms that fell to other cultures. Until September 1990 this was a Shangri-La; then the southern insurgency began. There are now deserted villages in the south. More than 80,000 ethnic Nepalese — called Lhotsampas — have moved to refugee camps in Nepal run by the United Nations. The banned Bhutan People's Party, operating from Nepal, leads the insurrection. It claims Nepalese have been driven out in a campaign tantamount to ethnic cleansing. This is an excessive claim. While most illegal Nepali immigrants, defined as those unable to prove residency before 1958, have left, there seems to have been no concerted campaign of violence against legal settlers. The Nepali influx began in sizeable numbers late last century but the main migration has been more recent because of overcrowding and poverty in Nepal. Until the recent exodus, ethnic Nepalese accounted for 30 to 40 per cent of the population. Lyonpo Dawa Tsering, Bhutan's Foreign Minister, defended the government's policies. "There is a bottom line for citizenship. If a group of people come here they must integrate into the mainstream. They must wear national dress and learn the national language."


Bhutan, the hermit kingdom, is under intense pressure from Nepalese insurgents

Bhutan's culture comes from Tibet. The government has tried absorbing the Nepalese, who are Hindus, into the Drukpa mainstream by offering inducements to intermarry. A scheme under which an ethnic Nepali moving to the Drukpa north to marry was given free transport, farm implements, seeds and money to build a house, flopped, mostly because of the Hindu requirement to marry within the caste.

Mr Tsering says that, like Darjeeling and Sikkim, Bhutan could be wiped out by the Nepali cultural expansion eastwards. The trouble began after a census in 1988 exposed the extent of Nepali settlement in the south. A law citing 1958 as the cut-off date for citizenship was strictly enforced, and Nepali families, who arrived years previously, had to leave.

France shuts schools in Algeria after murders

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

TAHAR Djaout, the Algerian poet, one of the dozens of intellectuals murdered over the past year by Muslim fundamentalists, wrote a bleak poem warning women they would be killed if they rejected the Muslim veil and would also die for wearing it.

His forecast appeared to come true last Tuesday when two teenage girls were shot dead at a school bus stop near Algiers. Both were wearing the *hidjab*, the head-cover that the Muslim extremists are enforcing on pain of death. Last month a teenager was killed for going bare-headed. For Algeria's increasingly terrified middle-class population, the message was clear. The pair in Muslim dress had been killed by one of the underground death squads who are suspected of murdering hundreds in the dirty war that pits the fundamentalist gunmen against the military government of President Zeroual.

The spiral of violence has accelerated over the past two weeks, speeding the exodus of foreigners and causing foreign governments to conclude that the Algerian administration is close to losing control and the former French colony could face chaos. France said yesterday that it was closing all its schools and cultural centres in Algeria except one this week after telling its 2,000 remaining expatriates they should leave if possible. The order came after the murder last week of a French father and son whose throats were cut by Muslim killers who then castrated them in front of the two women of the family.

There is no nuance about the savagery that has claimed several thousand lives, including 323 alleged terrorists shot by security forces in the past two weeks. According to the Armed Islamic Group, the most extreme of the fundamentalist factions, all "Jews, Christians and non-believers" have been sentenced to death. The latter category includes women who refuse to wear the *hidjab*. On the other side, a so-called Organisation of Free Young Algerians has promised to murder 20 *hidjab*-wearing women for every one of the Muslims' female victims.

The murderous strife is mimicking the bloody seven-year insurgency that ended French rule in 1962, only this time the National Liberation Front (FLN), the anti-colonial rebel movement, is the desperate entrenched power. Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, said last week that the situation was "deteriorating catastrophically".

France's fear extends far beyond the safety of its expatriates and potential economic losses from its heavy investments in Algerian oil, gas and other industries. It is worried about the prospect of a flood of boat people across the Mediterranean, which could cause a bigger shock than the million *pieds noirs* — French colonial residents — who came back to the *métropole* in the exodus of 1962. About 75,000 Algerians in Algeria hold dual French nationality and France is home to 700,000 Algerian residents and thousands more illegal ones.

Many European officials are coming to share the pessimistic outlook of middle-class Algerians who believe an Islamic Salvation Front government is inevitable. With economic disaster in the offing, the elderly FLN elite is widely seen as corrupt and out of touch by the 26 million population, two-thirds of whom are under 30. The leadership is now banking on a big credit from the International Monetary Fund, a shot of economic oxygen that must be accompanied by unpopular rises in staple commodities.


A Vietnamese woman resting atop a road marker on her way to Hanoi, where villagers are flocking to find work in the changing economy after the lifting of US sanctions

Illinois raises battle flag to rescue Grant's tomb

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE vast stone mausoleum for Ulysses S. Grant, the Civil War general and America's 18th President, on Manhattan's Upper West Side has become so dilapidated that politicians in Chicago are threatening to take it to Illinois unless New Yorkers show him rather more respect.

In recent years the imposing tomb, where Grant is buried with his wife, Julia, has also become a home to dropouts, drug addicts and pigeons. The roof leaks, the walls are spattered with graffiti, drug vials crunch underfoot and the Civil War flags have been stolen.

When it was built on the edge of Harlem nearly a century ago, Grant's tomb attracted more tourists than the Statue of Liberty, but gradually crime-wary visitors began to avoid the area. "It's a presidential tomb and it's being treated as a subway station ... it's an inexcusable disgrace," says Ulysses Grant Dietz, the great-great-grandson of the President.

Illinois politicians have drafted a resolution demanding 24-hour security at the tomb, more staff, regular visiting hours and a wire fence to keep out vandals, the needy and drug dealers. They say that, if these conditions are not met, they will petition Congress to transfer the monument to Illinois. As a boy Grant worked in Illinois, and for the last 20 years of his life he maintained a residence at Galena, in the northwestern part of the state.

"We're serious," says Ron Lawler, an Illinois state representative. "If the same thing was happening to Lincoln's tomb, a lot of people would be upset."

More than 60,000 people crowded the streets of New York on August 8, 1885, to observe the funeral cortège of the man credited with winning the Civil War. Grant had originally wanted to be buried at West Point, but because his wife could not be buried beside him they settled on New York, the city where Grant spent the last few penniless years of his life.


Grant: credited with winning the Civil War

The National Parks Service, which is responsible for maintaining Grant's tomb, says the charges of neglect are "exaggerated and overblown". "Once the problems are taken care of, it will be comparable to all other presidential burial sites," says Douglas Cuillard, deputy superintendent of the parks service. Illinois legislators have given New York six months to clean up the tomb before they make an appeal to Congress. "We'd be very proud to take care of him," says Judy Baar Topinka, an Illinois state senator.

The New York authorities say they have no intention of surrendering their familiar, if battered, landmark. Moving the tough old soldier may be no easy task for, as Abraham Lincoln once remarked of his great Civil War commander, "when Grant once gets possession of a place, he holds on to it as if he had inherited it".

Mafia chiefs prefer jail to trial gamble

BY BEN MACINTYRE

SIX bosses of the Gambino crime family have agreed to spend seven years in prison rather than face a trial at which a Mafia informant was due to testify.

Anthony "Gas Pipe" Casso, a confessed mob hitman, reduced his life-expectancy last month by agreeing to act as witness against his former colleagues. Rather than face that prospect, James Failla, the reputed Gambino Godfather, and four other bosses, Philip "Philly Dogs" Mazzara, Dominick "Fat Dom" Borgehese, Louis "Fats" Astuto and Joseph "The German" Watts, all decided to plead guilty to racketeering, according to police. A fifth gangster, Daniel Marino, made a separate plea bargain. Failla, 75, was a chauffeur for Carlo Gambino, founder of the crime dynasty, according to the FBI. He faced life imprisonment if convicted of arranging the killing of Thomas Spinelli, shot just before he was due to testify before a grand jury in 1989. The Gambinos' decision to strike plea bargains may have been influenced by the fate of John Gotti, the "Dapper Don", who was tried and jailed for life in 1992.

Pyongyang given one month to admit UN

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

NORTH KOREA has about one month in which to bow to the United Nations Security Council's demand that it allow full inspection of its nuclear facilities if it wants to avert sanctions.

After tortuous negotiations between the United States and China, the Security Council agreed on Thursday night to call on North Korea to allow International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors to complete their tests within six weeks of the last inspection, which ended in mid-March. A thinly veiled threat of possible sanctions sought by Washington was removed at China's insistence, and the statement merely gave a warning of "further Security Council consideration ... if necessary".

Washington is trying to step up pressure on Pyongyang, but wants to work closely with China, the only country thought to have influence over the regime. Chen Jian, the Chinese Ambassador, said: "We do not favour resorting to threats, pressure or sanctions as a means to solve problems."

FLIGHT ONLY
2 FOR 1
WITH
AIR FRANCE



Thomas Cook is offering 2 flights for the price of 1 to any of 8 destinations across France when you buy £150 worth of French Francs during April.†

AIR FRANCE

TAKE A THOMAS COOK AT OUR FLIGHT ONLY SERVICE!*

Thomas Cook

*Phone your local Thomas Cook shop for opening hours. †Offer subject to availability and excludes taxes. Offer valid for travel completed by 31/12/94. For full details of the offer please ask our staff. ABTA 20000 The Thomas Cook Group Ltd/IATA.

OUR EXPERIENCE OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS GUARANTEES YOURS OVER THE NEXT TWO.



PICTURED MODEL 1012 FROM AROUND £1599 COMPLETE WITH POWERED GRASS COLLECTOR.

Nobody's had more experience in building tractors for British conditions than Westwood. The past 20 years have brought us every kind of weather - and every kind of customer.

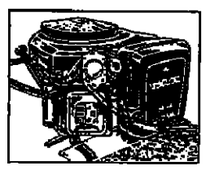
As a result we've built a range of twelve tractors incorporating everything those two stern taskmasters have taught us.

And built them to the standard demanded by Ransomes, one of the oldest and proudest names in the business.

Consequently, you're sure to find a Westwood which fulfils your individual demands of quality, performance and price.

And we'll back that with a 2-year guarantee.


Convenient step-through design.


Rugged Briggs & Stratton engine.

Westwood

A Ransomes Company – makers of the world's first commercially-produced lawnmower.

Please send me your brochure and the name of my nearest Westwood dealer.

NAME

ADDRESS

POSTCODE TI.8/94

Post to: Westwood, FREEPOST, Plympton, Plymouth PL7 3BR. Or: FREEPHONE 0800 378699.

Anthony Howard argues that a split in the Opposition going back a political generation must be healed for the left to take power

A salutary tale of two parties

Last week, on successive evenings, I attended two contrasting social gatherings of what could I suppose still broadly be called the British left. The first was a celebratory dinner, held appropriately at Brooks's Club in St James's, to mark the award of the Order of Merit to Roy Jenkins. It would be easy to mock it as an essentially Establishment occasion (by my count there were only half a dozen members of the Labour Party present), but it turned out to be nothing of the sort.

The shade of Charles James Fox breathed over us as we munched our way through prawns in aspic, stuffed lamb and Welsh rabbit while quaffing modest amounts of claret. There was an air of irreverence in the atmosphere, reflected not least in the splendidly iconoclastic speech delivered by the guest-of-honour.

The second occasion was very different. It was a drinks party — with not a crisp in sight — held, equally appropriately, in Hampstead to launch Mervyn Jones's not wholly pietistic biography of Michael Foot. Here the old, unreconstructed left was very much on parade — so much so that one former *New Statesman* wag likened the gathering to "a reunion of Napoleon's Old Guard after Waterloo".

It may be difficult today to recall it, but fewer than 25 years ago Michael Foot and Roy Jenkins were the two rival contenders for Labour's crown. They stood against each other three times: twice for the deputy leadership and once for the leadership itself. Their relative scores in terms of votes (in those days drawn exclusively from the members of the parliamentary party) tell the story of Labour's gradual drift from its moorings during the 1970s.

The first time they met head-on, in July 1970, Jenkins walloped Foot by 133 votes to 67; just over a year later, after his breaking of ranks on Europe, he scraped home by just 140 votes to Foot's 126; while in 1976, in their final duel for the party leadership (the contest that ultimately brought Jim Callaghan to No 10), all he could muster was a meagre 56 votes to Foot's 90.

To be fair, there was never any great personal rancour between them. For one thing, they were united through Disraeli's transparently self-serving phrase, originally used in addressing Queen Victoria, "We authors, Ma'am"; Foot had, I think, at that stage written more books (or at least glorified pamphlets) than Jenkins — but only just. There is, however, no point in denying that they always represented polar opposites within the Labour Party. And it was, I suppose, predictable that, even with all passion spent, virtually no guests appeared at both occasions last week.

One figure, though, was notably absent from both gatherings and, mischievously, I could not stop myself wondering at which gathering John Smith would have felt more at home. Although the secessionist Social Democrats eventually went the way of the Old Confederacy, they did end up winning the ideological war. For that reason alone, there cannot, I suspect, be much doubt as to the answer.

Of course, the wounds from the original Labour/SDP split still bleed. Why else, after all, should such former Labour Cabinet members as George Thomson and Jack Diamond have found themselves so pointedly excluded from the famous Labour veteran ministers' photograph which appeared in *The Times* on Tuesday of last week? In that sense, there is still no personal forgiveness, even though doctrinal bitterness is no longer at the centre of the conflict.

The truth, as I seem to remember Roy Jenkins himself writing in 1959, is that there is today no dominant issue of principle on which the Labour Party and the Liberals (or the *Liberal Democrats as they now* prefer to call themselves) do not see "completely eye-to-eye". Indeed, the left's probably most influential academic, Professor David Marquand of Sheffield University, now sits with splendid impartiality on the social justice commissions of both parties. Why, then, do the two party organisations not seek — as, again, Roy Jenkins put it in 1959 — "to canalise the anti-Tory vote" by making common cause?

The paradoxical answer is that it would be advantageous to neither party to do so. Only the politically naïve can conceivably believe that even the most informal sort of pre-electoral pact would do anything but damage to the prospects of both John Smith and Paddy Ashdown at the next general election. All it could achieve would be to allow the Tories to proclaim that there were now two ways of voting Labour — one by the back door and the other by the front.

So Smith and Ashdown are prudent to keep their distance from one another, and given the Liberal Democrats' recent behaviour in such corners of their patch as Millwall and Bethnal Green, Labour has even greater reason to shrink from the kind of "popular front" approach that appealed to some socialists in the 1930s. The official Labour leadership has shed a number of the party's less attractive doctrinal skins over the past few years, and it is high time that the Liberal Democrats faced up to ridding themselves of the racist tissue that in some places now mars their integrity.

The priority, though, for both parties is that they should somehow contrive to strike a new chord with the electorate. There is today detectable in the public mood a real revulsion against the greedy, acquisitive spirit of the 1980s. If — whether or not with Michael Heseltine as his ultimate opponent — John Smith finally succeeds in tapping that, he might even be able to bridge the gulf between the two main Opposition parties which in three elections now has handed the Tories victory on a plate.

Harold and Vita would have hated their public, says **David Cannadine**

The snobbery that created Sissinghurst

Harold Nicolson to his friend James Lees-Milne in April 1943: "I do not care for the society of the lower classes. I have no desire to live with them or be like them. I hate them." Soon after, Vita Sackville-West delivered herself of a similar opinion: "I hate democracy. I wish la populace had never been encouraged to emerge from its rightful place." Even half a century before John Major's "classless society", these were strong words, especially coming from this couple. By all accounts, Nicolson was a man of unusual charm and civility. And Sackville-West is best remembered today as the creator of the garden at Sissinghurst, where roses bloom and serenity reigns.

Yet there can be no doubting the intensity of their loathing of the lower orders — the very people who now go in their thousands each year to look at the Sissinghurst flowers, and seem happy to pay for the privilege. As the son of an ambassador, and the nephew of a former Viceroy of India, Nicolson grew up with an obsessional interest in the manners and minutiae of social distinctions. And as a child at Knole, Sackville-West absorbed what she later called "the commonplaces of well-bred thought", namely "genealogies and family connections, tables of precedence and a familiarity with country seats", which "formed almost part of a moral code".

All their lives, Nicolson and Sackville-West looked down on most of the rest of the world as "bedint": a Sackville word, enthusiastically appropriated by Nicolson, meaning lower or middle class, vulgar or undistinguished. Bankers and businessmen were "bedint". So were journalists and Jews. So were most foreigners, especially Americans. And so, in the eyes of Vita's parents, were the Nicolsons: "impecunious high civil servants", from the ranks of the service nobility, rather than from the authentic territorial aristocracy. When Vita married Harold, rather than the heir to a great estate, she was marrying beneath her, and he was not allowed to forget it.

It was an ironic fate for a man who was himself so snobbishly obsessed with class and class distinctions. To be sure, Harold was well-born. But Vita was his social superior; Vita had the money; Vita owned Sissinghurst; Vita helped to pay his election expenses. One of the reasons he hankered after a peerage in the late 1940s was that he had "always hated [that word again!] the name Nicolson as being a common plebian name", and ennoblement would have enabled him to change it. But the longed-for title eluded him, and his sense of inferiority remained. "A crushed life is what I lead," he once complained to his wife, "similar to that of the hen you ran over the other day."

Although the Nicolson/Sackville-West marriage has been amply written about, the strong class component has received far less attention than it deserves, and this is equally true of other aspects of their lives, which have also been extensively, yet in some ways inadequately, treated. At the most general level, we should remember that as the patrician products of a declining class, Harold and Vita were deeply hostile to many aspects of the 20th century, and also to most of the people who were living in it. The stable, ordered, hierarchical world of their youths vanished during their lifetime. In the era of the common man, the "bedints" were increasingly in charge.

Neither Nicolson nor Sackville-West viewed these developments with any enthusiasm, but like most members of the aristocracy, they were powerless to prevent them. And like many disorientated notables, who had lost their social bearings in what they regarded as an increasingly alien world, they found it very difficult to adjust to democratic politics. For a time, they were both attracted by Oswald Mosley: Harold was editor of *Action*, the New Party magazine, and Vita contributed articles on gardening. Thereafter, Vita saw herself as a "Tory squire" of "pre-1792" vintage, while Harold jumped from one political party to another during the 1930s and 1940s, ending up with Labour.

This was a preposterous place for a person as superior as Nicolson, and served only to confirm the widespread view that he was not really a serious or substantial figure at all. For like many of his aristocratic contemporaries, he was invariably on the edge of events. He abandoned his diplomatic career, he was a failure in politics, and out of sheer financial need he wrote too much too rapidly to be profound. Despite the social attitudes which they proclaim (or perhaps because of them?), the best things he ever did were his diaries, in which he gradually came to recognise his own insignificance, and his weekly articles in *The Spectator*, which often lament the lost world of his youth.

> In his diaries, Nicolson gradually recognises his own insignificance

Like her husband, Sackville-West is best understood as a marginal figure: not only because she was a singularly uninnovative writer, with what Virginia Woolf once damningly described as a "pen of brass", but also because she was an aristocrat in a democracy, a woman in a man's world, and a homosexual in a heterosexual culture. Although she considered herself a feminist, her models were not would-be emancipated women from the contemporary middle classes, but dominant females from among her forebears: Lady Anne Clifford, the third Duchess of Dorset, and Lady Elizabeth Sackville. They owned property, ran estates, and overawed their men — just as she overawed Harold.

And so, inevitably, to Sissinghurst. It is well known that one reason Vita bought it was as consolation for not having been allowed to inherit Knole on account of her gender. But it is also worth mentioning that in so doing, she was self-consciously emulating the forceful, propertied women among her own ancestors. By 1939 she was virtually a full-time recluse: for her, and increasingly for her husband, Sissinghurst became a private kingdom, where they could take refuge from the "bedint" 20th century, safe in the knowledge that the place would never let them down. As such, their garden was "a series of escapes from the world, giving the impression of cumulative escape".

One reason for this was that in planting the garden, they exercised — as all gardeners do — complete powers of inclusion and exclusion. In horticulture, as in everything else, they were consummate snobs. Before Jilly Cooper ever wrote about it, Harold and Vita were experts in telling "U" from "non-U" blooms. There were no "bedint" flowers in their garden. They disliked anything tainted with suburbia: strong, vivid colours were out; so were hybrid tea roses and rhododendrons. How ironic that today's Sissinghurst cult should be so strong among the middle classes. Harold and Vita would surely — to use one of their favourite verbs — have hated it. Or would they?

David Cannadine's Aspects of Aristocracy *will be published by Yale on April 14.*

Nationalised by the Tories



JULIAN HERBERT

The Great Western Railway's Nunney Castle: but rather than going back to the days of private competition, the Government itself has taken over the railways

Private rail operators will blackmail us for subsidies. But the Civil Service centralisers must be chuffed

Simon Jenkins

A socialist dream is realised. Britain's railways have at last been nationalised. After half a century of struggle, a Tory Government has succeeded where all forerunners failed. The kings of the iron way, the panjandrums of the Big Five, the barons of the British Rail Board — all are crushed. The railways are now run from Whitehall.

No, All Fools' Day was yesterday. Today is April 2, and I am perfectly serious. Never has the concept of privatisation been more abused. Never has promise been more detached from reality. As of today, the railways have not been privatised at all, they have been nationalised. There is the end of it.

I know bits have been sold off, given away or subcontracted. That is familiar throughout the public sector. In the 1980s, British Rail ran ships, hovercraft, hotels, engineering works, haulage companies. It owned a property company and a consultancy. It made its own sandwiches and baked its own buns. That has all gone. The Government may one day succeed in contracting out some actual train services, as it subcontracts hospital laundries and naval repair yards. As yet it has found no takers. Small wonder, for the railway has just been nationalised.

As of today, the true ownership of the railway (which means of its property and rolling stock) passes to new state monopolies appointed by the Government. One is to own and run the track, signals, timetabling and stations, and is called RailTrack. Others will own, maintain and lease out engines and trains. These will be operated by a sad rump of the old British Rail under its chairman, Sir Bob Reid. This dazed organisation is like the British Expeditionary Force falling back on Dunkirk. The remarkable thing is that it marches in good order, that any trains can be bothered to leave their sheds.

This rump has organised itself into "shadow companies" running actual services. These are supposed to look like the 25 private franchises that the Government once hoped might take over some of BR this year. These shadows look suspiciously like the profit centres that BR set up two years ago. The chief difference is that under BR they could manage their own track, signalling and rolling stock. Now they cannot manage them but must buy them from the new corporations at prices fixed by regulators. The result is worthy of Soviet railways, a labyrinth of meetings, arguments and confused responsibility. (BR headquarters is suffering from more meetings than even the BBC.)

A year ago, the railway minister, Roger Freeman, insisted that not one of these "privatised" services could be run by British Rail. Even French railways would be preferable. Mr Freeman must be thanking heaven for dear old BR now. Where would he be if its board had, not unreasonably, packed its bags yesterday and said goodbye?

Command of the railway now passes to three men: the Transport Secretary and two officials appointed by him. All have been given huge subsidies to clear the track to privatisation. How ironic that they will instead clear the track to nationalisation! The Transport Secretary has no fewer than six subsidies at his discretion (as against one at present). He can subsidise BR. He can subsidise named loss-making services. He can pay subsidy to keep a threatened line open. He can do the latter on the basis of a "satisfactory cost/benefit", rather than the old tough BR commercial rate of return. Thus does Whitehall protect its own.

Next there is a regulator to adjudicate on (which means fix) the prices charged by RailTrack and the leasing companies to those running trains — charges accounting for up to 90 per cent of total costs. This regulator has statutory powers to interfere in the running of all train services, but must do what he is told by the Secretary of State. Finally comes the franchising director, who hands out subsidies on the Government's behalf, and so fixes the level of service, the fares and the true profit.

Should a private company eventually come forward and submit a positive bid to run a service (rather than demand a subsidy), this bid money must be given by the franchising director straight to the Treasury. Surplus profit cannot be reinvested in the railways by those in the business. Railways are being treated like television franchises. Such a treatment of cross-subsidy is, in my view, the ultimate test of nationalisation. The new railway is a travesty not just of privatisation but of corporate coherence.

Whatever these regulators believe, they are agents of central government. They are under the financial supervision of the Treasury. Their appointment and salaries are approved by the Treasury. Painful decisions on fares, discounts and line closures, which ministers used happily to blame on British Rail, will now be made by regulators answerable directly to the Transport Secretary, John MacGregor, and through him to Parliament. As Stephen Glaister and Tony Travers comment in a recent IEA pamphlet, "Previous privatisations were deliberately designed to place industries from beyond the immediate reach of government. In the case of the railway, the industry may end up under more direct control than at present."

I have never seen a more blatant nationalisation. Until yesterday, British Rail enjoyed much independence. It was a huge self-governing conglomerate. As its banker, the Treasury whinged, and ministers whinged about the service they received for the block grant. But between whinges, they left the railway to its own devices. When things went wrong they could blame that great monster British Rail.

In 1990 the Government had a clear option. It could have staged a "clean" privatisation on the basis of the old regional companies. The assets were distinct, the lines of route clear and management and staff enthusiastic. (See the current enthusiasm for ScotRail, the one comparatively "clean" hiving off under way.) Regions would have owned their assets and been responsible for their costs. There would have been regulators and subsidies, but not the Byzantine apparatus that came into effect today. And the railway would have been private.

The awful prospect now is that the only private operator likely to come forward will be a spiv. Having been told by the Government what trains he must run, what fares he may charge and how much he must pay to use his engines, carriages, signals, track and stations, he will simply take the system for every penny he can get. Ministers want to keep franchises down to five years (they may stretch to ten). Over this period no entrepreneur will consider the long term. He will invest in nothing beyond a paint-pot. He will risk no industrial action. Each year he will go back to the Government and demand a bigger subsidy on pain of closure. Ministers, already slaves to the short term, will yield to blackmail. They will be over a barrel. At the end of the franchise period, the operator will have built *up no marketable asset, nor* been allowed to accumulate a surplus. He will take his money and run. This perversion of sensible subcontracting is the direct outcome of a Whitehall culture devoid of business experience.

I am sure some good will come of this new nationalisation. Some good comes of every change. Of one thing I am sure. As with the centralisation of the health service, costs, subsidies and bureaucracy will increase, not diminish. Leviathan in Britain is alive and well. Now he is on wheels. What April fools!

What price Major now?

MATTHEW BOND'S DIARY

"NOW IT'S 9-4," scream the headlines. England's overnight cricket score in the West Indies or the latest odds on Michael Heseltine becoming Prime Minister? If you're the current occupant of No 10, it's hardly worth deleting as applicable. Either way lies misery.

But against all the odds (well, at least, against the 27-23 on which Greek bookmakers were quoting), John Major has made it to the sanctuary of the Easter recess. And we — having struggled through the gales and traffic jams (honestly, those Aston Martin owners think they can park anywhere) — have made it to the relative calm of the Easter weekend. From which vantage point, surrounded by the debris of chocolate eggs and anti-personnel mines, we can take a reflective look back.

Beginning with the European partners who so successfully stitched our leader up like the proverbial, and equally endangered, smoked herring. The French, for example, are revolting — yet again. This week, it has been the turn of the students to man the barricades, which the permanently disgruntled French now seem to occupy on a time-share basis. In the very best Gallic tradition, Edouard Balladur retreated in the face of the very first thrown brick. And, in the very best tradition, the students rioted on regardless. After all, next week it will be the farmers' turn again, or the lorry drivers'.

Just imagine the scenes of national insurrection if Kenneth Clarke's opposite number in Paris casually announced tax increases that would cost the average family: "Oooh, I don't know, maybe six *grand-demis* a week. A case of *vin de table*, perhaps, for the better off. Anyway, *tant pis.*" The mayhem would be magnificent. So what happens in Britain when such increases are actually introduced? In our millions we rush our hard-earned savings to the gas and electricity showrooms and queue to pay our bills early. Such is civil unrest, British style.

The lack of British flair, this paucity of Anglo-*élan*, permeates right through to Parliament. Never mind the well chronicled greyness of the PM, his foremost critics are not exactly of vivid pigment, as Tony Marlow revealed. Marlow found himself cast (depending on your vintage) either as Chamberlain's Leo Amery or as Macmillan's Nigel Birch. But gone are the days when the Commons echoed to "In the name of God, go," or "Never glad confident morning again." All Marlow could manage was: "Why don't you don't stand aside for somebody else?" To the point perhaps, but hardly poetic.

Even the Americans bring more panache to their politics, these days. For amid the gasps of astonishment, genuine admiration greeted the revelation that, in the Seventies, Hillary Clinton turned £666 into £66,600 in just ten months playing the commodity markets. Many will question the desirability of having a First Lady whose basic stake is the number of the beast. But you cannot question her logic — her first deal was in cattle futures. Could she sell some of ours to Germany?

Of course, there are a few brave souls attempting to inject a bit of vim back into British public life. Such as Bill Cash, the MP known for the eloquence of his Euro-scepticism and the elegance of the women around him. This week, however, he reluctantly parted company with one of them, his glamorous assistant Louise Hobkinson, who departed hurriedly for France following some unpleasant correspondence from an obsessed and absconded prisoner. Word is that Cash too may be forced into exile, following an unpleasant correspondence from another, as-yet-untraced source.

Tracing it, however, has been made a little easier by the finding that video-nasties can, after all, corrupt. Psychologists are especially concerned about the impact of one film, *Question Time II: The Compromise*. Under no circumstances, say the experts, should Prime Ministers under the age of 52 be allowed to watch it.

But if, in whatever circumstances, a vacancy arises at No 10, who might fill it? A clue comes from Italy, where media-magnate Silvio Berlusconi has triumphed after just three months in politics. Trawls of British media magnates with political ambitions produced little more than Richard Branson — until a £33 million takeover for Southern Radio made two people very rich indeed. One was the politically unaspiring Lord Romsey. The other was Michael Heseltine. If the Italian precedent continues, Heseltine will step through the door of No 10 in three months' time — April ... May ... JUNE. Remember, you read it here, well, er, last.

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

ories



TIMES PAST — THE TIMES — FUTURES

MOST MYSTERIOUS DAY

He descended into hell (Apostles' Creed)

Easter Saturday, poised between the darkness of Good Friday and the light of Sunday, is a day of profound silence. "Christ suffered, died and was buried." Today the God who was in Christ is with the dead, eliminated from the world, knowing death as completely as each one of us one day will.

The agony in Gethsemane — the last moment when it would be possible to turn and flee — leads to betrayal from within the closest circle of his companions. There follows a rigged trial and a lacerating with the scourge. The men of power play with their prisoner — who is at one with all those abused as hostages and prisoners throughout the world. He knows it from the inside. The Gospels speak of a darkness over the land that is more than physical, it is a dark inner engulfing of meaning and purpose, a blotting out of the good.

From the twisted, scarecrow, tortured figure, clamped by crude nails to the wood of the Cross, come the psalmist's powerful words — "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And that psalm goes on to speak of the desiccating torture as life ebbs away — "My hands and my feet are withered: and you lay me in the dust of death."



How does the God of love reach into the darkness of the world's evil? He goes to the uttermost. He not only died, the Creed affirms, "He descended into hell". Strictly this is Hades, or the Hebrew *She'ol*, the place of the departed. The rock of offence and the high glory of the Christian faith is that the God who was revealed in the particularity of the life of Jesus, is a God who enters into the very nothingness of death. And He goes into that nothingness through a descent into the hell of unmeaning.

The cry of dereliction on the lips of the crucified is terrifying. If incarnation is real, if God engages so radically with the world as to know its evils and our human mortality from the inside, then in the end we are saying that God wills to know, and encompass a world from which He is absent and which has no ultimate meaning or purpose. He descended into the hell that is apartness from God: into the hell of the absence of God: into the hell of impotent rage against God; into the silence of the grave. The evil and suffering of a world created with the terrible freedom to love and to deny love, is known from the inside by the God of compassion — the love that suffers with another. On the Cross "the very book of charity is laid open before us".

The psalmist, centuries earlier, had reached out in hope that were he to go down to hell God would be there also. Christians, called to live as the Easter people, found this no longer a distant hope but a present reality. The Christian imagination sought to express this free choosing of God to know and be found in the darkness in vivid pictures. The apocryphal Gospel of Nicodemus dramatically describes the encounter in the realm of the dead between Christ and the powers of darkness who held the departed captive. The walls of hell fall like the walls of Jericho and the prisoners are set free. Here is the basis for the harrowing of hell scenes in countless medieval passion plays in which the conflict of good and evil, the contest of life and death, was as popular as in 20th-century films.

"He descended into hell": the silence of Holy Saturday takes Good Friday to the uttermost, and it is from that silence of the grave and the numbing darkness of evil triumphant that Christ is raised to the life of God's new creation. History is broken open to the life of the world to come, and the reign of a love that death could not hold is the kingdom of God that the Easter gospel proclaims. The icons of Eastern Christendom portray the Resurrection, not as in medieval Western painting showing Christ stepping out of a tomb, but as Christ triumphant over the imprisoning powers of darkness. The great 15th-century fresco on the apse of the church of St Saviour in Chora in Istanbul is one of the most powerful expressions of this Easter victory. Christ in a shimmering mandala of glory, with hands outstretched, draws Adam and Eve, representing all humanity, from death to life, from the old order to the new. Beneath His feet the bolts and bars of hell lie shattered. The prisoners are set free, the demons are fallen, and life reigns. He descended into hell but rose again victorious. No wonder that in St Mark's Gospel the women run from the empty tomb in terror, saying nothing to anyone "for they were overcome with awe".

SPIES LIKE US

Le Carré's men are still very much in business

The tit-for-tat expulsion of British and Russian diplomats for alleged spying has a weary ring to it. But it should not cause surprise. Even a glance at their literature suggests that the Russians have a compulsive need to spy. The great novels of the 19th century are full of snooping, clandestine surveillance and tale-telling by petty informers. Nor has Russian espionage been any less active abroad: the conspirators and spies in Joseph Conrad's *Under Western Eyes* could have been employed by any of the KGB's East European affiliates set up to police the communist empire.

Equally, however, Britain has a long tradition of spy novels, from John Buchan to Len Deighton and John le Carré. Espionage is not a gentlemanly game on either side, and when the two have clashed, in fiction or in real life, the fall-out has had greater resonance than perhaps any other scandals: Burgess, Maclean, Philby and Penkovsky are names that continue to exercise a global fascination.

After the fall of the Berlin Wall, spying was too readily assumed to be out of fashion. The Cold War was over, communism was dead and the Russians became, officially, friends. All the reports from Moscow suggested that the KGB was neither dead nor disbanded, merely lying low. But many Western politicians were all too keen to believe that the "reformed" organisation in the Lubyanka was now a model of glasnost, ready to turn its attention and the services of its many employees to the fight against drugs, terrorism and organised crime.

Certainly the Russians have been getting together with their police and intelligence counterparts in the West to swap strategies and information about international lawbreaking. They have also, more surprisingly, made it clear that they know who represents Western intelligence agencies in Moscow and have discussed with them — albeit at arms length — what diplomatic language would call "matters of mutual interest". But the renamed and reorganised KBG has never lost sight of its core function, spying, nor dropped its suspicion that the West is still engaged in subversion.

As for MI6, it still devotes a large proportion of its budget to activities in the old communist bloc. That is right. Russia is not yet a stable democracy; President Yeltsin may be a well-intentioned democrat, but should he be ousted one day by Vladimir Zhirinovsky or his kind, the West would live to regret disbanding its Russian intelligence network. The latest expulsions may be aftershocks from the Ames affair in America, or reflect internal rivalries within the Russian Security Ministry. Both countries have been embarrassed; both are keen to play down the incident. And both have every intention of keeping their clandestine ears to the ground.

BOOING BIRTWISTLE

It is better to turn the radio off than to break it

Musicians, famously, take all the liberties they can. But some musicians, says a direct action group called The Hecklers, carry liberty to excess. Sir Harrison Birtwistle and others at the "cutting edge" of music are likened to Cacophonix — the grating Gaul who torments Asterix and his bucolic *confrères*. Or put another way, Sir Harrison is painted as a musical Maoist, wreaking havoc on the harmonic landscape with his brutalist cultural revolution.

Except at La Scala in Milan, where the cognoscenti swoop mercilessly on an undercooked aria, modern audiences are polite to a fault. The British are notoriously supine: the musical equivalent of the pudding one did not order is never "returned to the kitchen". But the notion that attendance at musical events — and theatre in general — demands respectful silence is of recent invention. It would certainly have perplexed Shakespeare and Rossini. Hooting, whistling, the hurling of coins and even belching were the means by which spontaneous criticism was expressed in less stilted times.

"If one hears bad music, it is one's duty to drown it by one's conversation." But in seeking to disrupt performances of Sir Harrison's music, The Hecklers contemplate taking Oscar Wilde's gently aphoristic suggestion a step too far. They are, in turn, the Red Guards of Taste. Whereas it is acceptable — and even necessary to Mediterranean temperaments — to jeer at the end of a bad performance when one has paid good money to be uplifted, it is boorish to hoot throughout a concert one could have chosen not to attend. It is the performance, not the music, which is the legitimate target.

Sir Harrison, with Britten and Tippett, is the finest modern British composer — some would say of all time, arguing that Britain has not had a great composer before the 20th century. *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, the opera at which The Hecklers wish to remonstrate, is proof of his originality. It is this originality which *disconcerts* those who would like all music to be Bach rewarmed. If Frederick Stocken — head jeerleader of The Hecklers and a young composer whose *oeuvre* is, shall we say, slight — disapproves of this adventurous opera, he should simply not go. Or he could leaflet those who do. After all, the Prince of Wales does not like much modern building. But he is fighting it not with menace, but with a magazine.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone 071-782 5000

Cooling the debate on sex education

From Mr Alan Howarth, MP for Stratford-on-Avon (Conservative) and others

Sir, Politicians and journalists alike need to cool the debate about sex education (letters, March 28). It is an important issue which should not be exploited.

Well considered and well delivered sex education is essential if we are to reduce our high rate of teenage pregnancies and protect our society from the lethal effect of Aids. It matters if we are to help numerous young people escape confusion, fear and unhappiness.

As the Department for Education's draft circular, issued last December, rightly stressed, sex education should help pupils to understand the importance of self-restraint, respect, and sensitivity towards the needs and views of others. It should promote appreciation of the need for loving relationships and responsible parenthood. This is entirely compatible with presentation in a style which is natural and accessible to young people.

The staff and governors of Highfield primary school in Leeds and the visiting nurse, Sue Brady, should be commended for their openness and good sense in dealing with sex education (report, March 24). They and others like them need support from all who have the best interests of children and young people at heart.

We urge the Secretaries of State for Education and Health to ensure that the Government's strategy is fully integrated and that adequate funding is provided for curricular materials and training in this field.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN HOWARTH,
EDWINA CURRIE,
LLIN GOLDING,
JOHN HANNAM,
MARJORIE MOWLAM,
EMMA NICHOLSON,
ANDREW ROWE,
BRIAN SEDGEMORE,
House of Commons.
March 30.

From Mr Nicholas Henshall

Sir, Janet Daley's picture (March 24) of sex education without a moral basis is no myth. A professional lecturer recently spoke to my sixth-form pupils about sexually transmitted diseases. Morality was plainly irrelevant. Responsible choice was confined to condom shapes, sizes and colours.

We shall do future generations a deadly disservice if we sever social needs from sexual morals. Prevention of unwanted pregnancy and disease shaped ethical obligation from the time of Leviticus. A sense of moral restraint was essential to sexual health, not incidental.

Most educators no longer seem to believe this. Time will tell if they are right. Meanwhile the young respond by replacing morality with rubber.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HENSHALL,
Stockport Grammar School,
Buxton Road,
Stockport, Cheshire.
April 1.

From Mrs Helen A. Barry

Sir, In the early 1950s at a Roman Catholic convent school we were taught A-level RE by Jesuits. The section on matrimony included a lesson in which the Jesuit father drew a pin man and a pin woman on the blackboard. Between them he drew a box and labelled it "desire".

"Rejecting this," he said, pointing to the box, "is the bulwark of chastity. Now, spell 'bulwark'." When we achieved that to his satisfaction, sex education was completed and the small class of innocent 17-year-olds went back to the learned doctrines of the Fathers of the Church.

Looking back over the last 40 years it doesn't seem to have done us much harm, perhaps because the teaching of personal morality was paramount.

Yours faithfully,
HELEN BARRY,
Old Welney Hotel,
Welney, Cambridgeshire.
April 1.

Removing peerages

From Mr Stanley Martin

Sir, In his article on Lord Blandford (March 18), John Grigg refers to Lord Kagan retaining his peerage, despite a criminal conviction in 1980.

His point about the difference in this respect between peerages and knighthoods is underlined by the fact that Lord Kagan *did* lose his earlier knighthood (which, of course, had been lost to sight once he was made a peer).

It was cancelled and annulled by letters patent issued by the Queen on the advice of ministers.

The removal of his peerage would have required legislation and, in this century, that has been done only for "adhering to His Majesty's enemies".

Under the authority of the Titles Deprivation Act 1917, an order in council was passed in 1919 depriving the (royal) Dukes of Albany and Cumberland and Viscount Taaffe of their peerages. The Act, however, specifically provided that nothing in it should affect succession to estates or other property.

Yours faithfully,
STANLEY MARTIN,
14 Great Spilmans,
Dulwich, SE22.
March 19.

Advantages of marriage in church

From the Reverend Canon Colin Scott-Dempster

Sir, One of the glories of the Anglican Church, through its position as the established Church of this land, is the wonderful opportunity (not least through marriage) of contact with many who seldom, if ever, cross its thresholds ("Anglican clergy give little help to wedding couples", March 21).

It has, furthermore, the advantage of ensuring contact with those who, regardless of the present attitude towards the Church, are experiencing human love and a desire to celebrate it and to commit themselves publicly to each other "before God (however unknown) and this congregation".

To throw away this opportunity or to call it purely a legal obligation (letter, March 28) would indeed be tragic. For here, above all, there is a real opening for the great truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to strike root in hearts already prepared by love. That there may be failure in this task or rejection of the offer to listen to a priest in the context of preparation for marriage should not deflect the Church from inviting those asking for marriage to accept it.

The result of abandoning this position would indeed mean that the Church would find itself "serving for the most part their own congregation and those committed to the worship offered in the church of their choice". What a fate that would be for a body called out and sent to proclaim the universal love of God as seen through the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

Yours faithfully,
C. T. SCOTT-DEMPSTER,
Chieveley Vicarage,
Newbury, Berkshire.
March 28.

From Mrs Anne Sear

Sir, How much time does a registrar give to preparing couples for marriage?

Yours faithfully,
ANNE SEAR,
St Mary's Vicarage,
17 Church Gate,
Thatcham, Newbury, Berkshire.

Anxieties over 'Titanic' exhibition

From the President of the International Congress of Maritime Museums

Sir, The decision by the National Maritime Museum to mount an exhibition about the sinking of the *Titanic*, based partly on the use of personal items that have been recovered from the wreck itself (report and pictures, March 23), gives rise to a number of anxieties.

First, there is the question, already raised by a relative of the liner's captain, of breaching the sanctity of what is an international grave whilst the tragedy is still within living memory.

Secondly, might not the exhibition encourage unscrupulous treasure-hunters to interfere with important wrecks where it is vital that the archaeological context of the site should be preserved?

Thirdly, I hope that, when the exhibition finishes, the National Maritime Museum will be able to persuade the *Titanic*'s salvors to deposit the artifacts in the national collection rather than selling and thus distributing the archive amongst a host of willing buyers.

The museum is, of course, responding to an overwhelming public interest in the *Titanic* story. It is essential, therefore, that the exhibition should explain the risks posed to the underwater heritage as a result of the now ready access to these sites through modern technology.

If at all possible, however, salvors and archaeologists must learn to work together. The organisers should therefore draw attention to best practice where this exists, in co-operation between archaeologists and commercial salvors.

They must also draw attention to progress now being made to draw up international agreements on the protection of important wreck sites lying in international waters, including the *Titanic* herself.

Serious doubts must remain about the mounting of this exhibition; but if the opportunity is grasped to make the case for a new approach to the problems confronting underwater archaeology, some benefit may be derived. Time is not on our side — many of these sites are "only a sonar ping away".

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD FOSTER,
President, International Congress of Maritime Museums,
Liverpool Museum,
William Brown Street, Liverpool 3.

Johannesburg riots

From Sir Frederic Bennett

Sir, Your leader of March 29, entitled "Blood in Johannesburg" and headed "How many more warnings does Buthelezi need?", was unperceptive in much of its substance and personally unfair to the Chief Minister.

Mr Buthelezi has done his best to curtail inter-tribal violence between Zulus and Xhosas, which has caused the deaths of thousands of the former during recent years, in addition to at least 475 undenied and undeniable specific targeted assassinations of leading senior Inkatha party activists.

On March 26 Mr de Klerk publicly paid tribute to the Chief Minister's efforts to bring to an end what he referred to as the "growing low-intensity war" that has gone on since 1985: but the State President added that tensions were now at such a high level on the ground that it was difficult for any of the leaders to prevent further bloodshed, especially during the next few weeks.

Furthermore, in my own hearing last week in Ulundi, the chairman of the independent electoral commissioners, Mr Justice Kreigler, openly stressed that it was his duty under his commission's terms of reference to protect the rights and security of those political groups and individuals that had decided, quite lawfully, to boycott the elections, as well as of those who wanted to vote.

The general mood of the great majority of the Zulu people is not to take part in a process which they are convinced would lead simply to the replacement of an alien, white centrist authoritarian political system by an equally distrusted alien black one.

Their apprehensions are not unreasonable in the light of what has happened almost everywhere in the Dark Continent in the wake of the abandonment of political power by their former colonialist rulers: "one man — one vote — *one* election".

Yours etc,
F. M. BENNETT,
2 Stone Buildings,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
March 30.

Help for disabled

From Miss T. M. Thatcher

Sir, I write to support strongly Professor Stephen Hawking's letter of March 7. As a disabled person myself who frequently travels between here and America, I find the attitude towards disablement in this country difficult to bear, compared with the attitudes in the USA.

American legislation makes entering a public building a joy if you are disabled. Lifts and ramps make access possible; braille indications in and on lifts enable the blind to travel alone; drinking fountains and cash dispensers are low enough to be used in a wheelchair, etc.

Above all, the attitude towards disabled people is incredibly sensitive. Americans do not stare, nor snigger — nor do they look away as if one were not there. They often smile and see us as we are as people.

It is an attitude which is taught in schools, where the disabled are called the disadvantaged — what a step-up!

I think one reason for this different attitude is the belief that above all the disadvantaged are American citizens and have rights. In this country it seems the disabled are British citizens and disabled.

The Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill achieved second reading on March 11 by 231 to nil. Hurrah! (Where were the headlines?) It is now in committee; let us hope that when it comes into third reading the same result will happen, and the lame will "leap for joy" at this new beginning.

Yours sincerely,
T. MARY THATCHER,
4 Hoadly Road, Cambridge.
March 22.

Cost of water

From Mr G. C. Kieffer

Sir, In 1985-86 my local authority domestic rates bill was £956.98 and I paid £193.18 in water rates. For 1994-95 the respective amounts are £889.28 and £475.79. Who is paying for privatisation?

Yours faithfully,
G. C. KIEFFER,
Tangle Trees,
120 Mountnessing Road,
Billericay, Essex.

Letters for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. We regret that we cannot accept letters by telephone but they may be sent by fax to 071-782 5046.

Tale of two anthems

From Mr Felix E. Bean

Sir, I would suggest to P. M. Cruickshank (letter, March 28) that the inferences to be drawn from the points that he mentions are not those that he draws, of an English superiority complex (letters, March 22, 24), but that the English feel themselves to be British first and English second. The other nations of the Union feel themselves to be British last and members of their respective nationhoods first.

Yours sincerely,
FELIX E. BEAN,
251 Park Road,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

Weekend Money letters, page 31

Getting in a twist on the telephone

From Dr Edward M. A. Willhoft

Sir, The Reverend Terence Lee (letter, March 26) asks why the coiled flex attached to his telephone handset regularly becomes entangled, even when he refrains from carrying out somersaults while on the phone.

This avoidable design fault has never been properly addressed by the telephone companies. The immediate cause of the problem is the pre-formed coil in the plastic that encases the telephone wires. Unwinding the coil by using the weight of the handset sets up an immediate stress on the plastic which is only released very slowly.

This phenomenon, known as plastic creep or plastic flow, would not occur if the wires were encased in a truly elastic material: the tension caused by the weight of the handset would be released as soon as the load was removed.

Alternatively, this irritation could readily be eliminated if telephone companies refrained from using coiled wires in the first place.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD M. A. WILLHOFT,
41 Higher Green,
Epsom, Surrey.
March 26.

From Mr Wilfred W. Watteau

Sir, May I suggest that Mr Lee, who does not often perform somersaults whilst phoning, notes when he does so and performs back somersaults alternately. This should solve the problem.

Yours sincerely,
BILL WATTEAU,
Abinger Lodge, Abbey Road,
Worthing, West Sussex.
March 27.

From Mr Peter M. Esdaile

Sir, Observations at my mother's house and at the desk of a friend at work have shown me that both pick up the handset with their left hands and then transfer it to their right. Each such action puts half a turn into the cord. If the handset is passed back to the left hand before replacement, a further half turn is made.

Yours faithfully,
PETER M. ESDAILE,
29 Franche Court Road, SW1.
March 27.

From Mr Peter Lewis

Sir, I share Mr Lee's dilemma — save that I use my left hand. My wife, however . . .

Yours faithfully,
PETER LEWIS,
30 Dan-y-Graig,
Pantmawr, Cardiff.
March 27.

From Mrs M. B. Lightwood

Sir, It is obvious that your correspondent should always perform somersaults while speaking on the telephone. The cord would not get wound up — but he might.

Yours sincerely,
MONICA LIGHTWOOD,
Francis Corner, Fishers Lane,
Cold Ash, Newbury, Berkshire.
March 27.

From Mrs Frances Nye

Sir, It seems that Mr Lee can unravel his telephone cord in peace. Whenever I attempt this I am interrupted by a bossy authoritative voice repeatedly telling me to please replace my receiver.

Yours sincerely,
FRANCES NYE,
Turnpike Lodge, Black Hill,
Lindfield, West Sussex.
March 27.

Rectory rook pie

From Mrs Rosalind Irwin

Sir, With respect to Margot Norman ("That bird is British", March 29), in the 1940s rook pie was eaten with enthusiasm. It was much more tasty than the endless dreary rabbit dishes. My father's rectory rookery at Sedgefield, Co Durham, was shot regularly every spring. I still have my mother's recipe for rook pie.

Yours faithfully,
ROSALIND IRWIN,
2 Villa Place, Sowerby,
Thirsk, North Yorkshire.

Music to the ears

From Mr Gordon Watt

Sir, Citizens of the European Union countries who feel overwhelmed by the mass of bureaucratic nonsense emanating from Brussels have at last a true hero to salute.

I read in your European Law Report (March 29) that a Mr Tolsma, an organ grinder from The Netherlands, appealed successfully to the Court of Justice of the European Communities against an imposition of VAT on money deposited in his collecting tin by appreciative passers-by.

I suggest that the Government invite Mr Tolsma, together with his barrel organ, to play in Parliament Square so that we in this country can fill his tin can to the brim with our grateful thanks.

Sadly, there was no mention in your report of a monkey.

Yours sincerely,
GORDON WATT,
White Cottage, Weald,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

SOCIAL NEWS

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.P. Ashbee and Miss J.M.M. Barratt
The engagement is announced between Henry, third son of Mr and Mrs G.D. Ashbee, of Wimbledon Common, London, and Julie, *only daughter of Mr and Mrs B.K.* Barratt, of Swafield, Norfolk.

Dr C.J. Bench and Dr C.L. Capstick
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Bench, of Sutton Coldfield, and Claire, younger daughter of Dr Alan and Dr Mary Capstick, of Radyr, South Glamorgan.

Mr R.H. Carter and Miss W.L. Marshall
The engagement is announced from Barcelona, between Randolph, son of Mr and Mrs David Carter, of Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, and Lalu, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kit Marshall, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr N.P. Le C. Crapp and Miss K.M.E. O'Connor
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Crapp, of La Botellerie, Jersey, and Kathleen, younger daughter of Mrs Helen Hoagland and the late Robert O'Connor and stepdaughter of Mrs Donna O'Connor, of Mendham, New Jersey, and Mr Richard Hoagland, of Harford, New York.

Mr I.D. Howe and Miss D.I. Blenkiron
The engagement is announced between Ian David, younger son of Mr and Mrs Keith Howe, of Romiley, Cheshire, and Dawn Isobel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Irwin Blenkiron, of Ripon, North Yorkshire.

Mr T.H. Langley and Miss G.J. Williams
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr T.H. Langley and Mrs S.M. Langley, of Houston, Renfrewshire, Scotland, and Gaynor, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Smith, of Blackheath, London.

Dr R.H. Linfield and Miss R.J. Sparks
The engagement is announced between Edmund Harold, elder son of Mr and Mrs H.J. Linfield, of Thakeham, West Sussex, and Rachel Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S.J. Sparks, of Scotter, Lincolnshire.

Mr R.C. Milliken-Smith and Miss S.L. Kaufman
The engagement is announced between Craig, son of Mr and Mrs Peter R. Milliken-Smith, of Motcombe, Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Sandra, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kaufman, of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Mr J.P.B. Pemberton-Pigott and Miss K.A. Pitts
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Jeremy Pemberton-Pigott, The Green Howards, son of Wing Commander and Mrs T.N.J. Pemberton-Pigott, of Bicester, Oxon, and Lieutenant Kirsty Pitts, RAMC, daughter of Dr and Mrs J.D. Pitts, of Gartmore, Stirlingshire.

Mr S.R. Taor and Miss P.G. Bowden
The engagement is announced between Seán, son of Mr and Dr W.S. Taor, of Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex, and Paula, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.W. Bowden, of Catisfield, Hampshire.

Mr A.S. Tuchel and Dr B.C. Shepherd
The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of the late Dr Stefan Tuchel, and of Signora Olga Geher, of Genoa, and Barbara, daughter of Dr John and Dr Margaret Shepherd, of Cambridge.

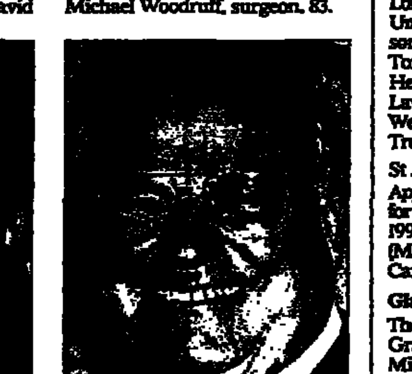
Mr M. Wohlrab and Miss A.J. Riches
The engagement is announced between Marcus, only son of the late Mr K. Wohlrab and of Mrs P. Wohlrab, of Ashley Court, Morpeth Terrace, London, SW1, and Rome, and Allison Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Riches, of Stoney Lane, Parbold, Lancashire.

Birthdays

Today: Sir Jack Brabham, racing driver, 68; Mr Graham Bright, MP, 52; Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Dhenin, 76; Captain Sir Richard Dobbs, Lord Lieutenant of Co Antrim, 75; Mr Leslie Farrer-Brown, former chairman, Alliance Building Society, 90; Sir Christopher France, civil servant, 60; Miss Catherine Gaskin, author, 65; Mr Brian Glover, actor, 60; Mr Raymond Gubbay, concert promoter, 48; Sir Alec Guinness, actor, 80; Viscount Hambleden, 64; Mr Barry Hills, racehorse trainer, 57; Sir Ian Hunter, impresario, 75; Miss Penelope Keith, actress, 54; Sir Peter Lazarus, civil servant, 68; Sir Peter Middleton, civil servant, 60; Sir Robert Munro, former president, Senate of Fiji, 87; the Marquess of Northampton, 48; Major-General C.J. Popham, 67; Mr A.C. Puddephatt, general secretary, Liberty, 44; Mr M.G. Rizzello, sculptor and coin designer, 68; Sir Denis Rooke, former chairman, British Gas, 70; Lord Skelmersdale, 49; Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Thompson, 63; Miss Sue Townsend, writer, 48; Mr Denis Tuohy, broadcaster, 57.

Tomorrow: Mr Alec Baldwin, actor, 36; Professor Janet Bately, professor of English language and medieval literature, 62; Mr Tony Benn, MP, 69; Sir Jeffery Bowman, former chairman, Price Waterhouse Europe, 59; Mr Marlon Brando, actor, 70; Mr R.S. Burman, former chairman, Association of British Chambers of Commerce, 54; Canon A.D. Caesar, 70; Professor Theo Crosby, architect, 69; Dr Dennis Farr, former director, Courtauld Institute Galleries, 65; Mr William Gaunt, actor, 57; the Duke of Grafton, KG, 75; the Rev David Jones, former headmaster, Bryanston School, 60; Mr Jonathan Lynn, writer and actor, 51; Mr Eddie Murphy, actor, 33; Lord Justice Nourse, 62; Sir John Smith, CH, former MP, 71; Mr F.H. Tate, former vice-chairman, Tate and Lyle, 81; Sir Malcolm Thornton, MP, 55; Professor Kathleen Tillotson, professor of English, 88; Dr H.C. Tomlinson, headmaster, Hereford Cathedral School, 46; Mr John Virgo, snooker player, 48; Professor Sir Michael Woodruff, surgeon, 83.


Linford Christie, 100m champion: 34 today


Helmut Kohl, German Chancellor: 64 tomorrow

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: Charlemagne, King of the Franks and Holy Roman Emperor 801-14, Aix-la-Chapelle, 747; Giovanni Casanova, adventurer, Venice, 1725; Catharine Macaulay, historian, Wye, Kent, 1731; Hans Christian Andersen, story-teller, Odense, Denmark, 1805; William Holman Hunt, painter, member of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, London, 1827; Emile Zola, novelist and critic, Paris, 1840; Sergei Rachmaninoff, composer and pianist, Oneg, Russia, 1873; Max Ernst, Surrealist painter and sculptor, Brühl, Germany, 1891; Marvin Gaye, singer, Washington DC, 1939.

DEATHS: Honoré Mirabeau, politician and orator, Paris, 1791; Sir James Clark Ross, polar explorer, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, 1862; Richard Cobden, "The Apostle of Free Trade", London, 1865; Samuel Morse, painter and inventor of the telegraphic code bearing his name, New York, 1872; Edward O'Connor Terry, actor-manager, 1912; C.S. Forester, novelist, Fullerton, California, 1966; Georges Pompidou, President of France 1969-74, Paris, 1974.

The US mint was established in Philadelphia, 1792.

The first Italian parliament met in Turin, 1860.

The Spanish Civil War officially ended, 1939.

Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands, 1982.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: King Henry IV, reigned 1399-1413, Bolingbroke, Lincolnshire, 1367; George Herbert, poet, Montgomery Castle, Wales, 1593; John Abernethy, surgeon, London, 1764; Washington Irving, essayist, New York, 1783; James Hertzog, general, Prime Minister of South Africa 1924-39, founder of the Nationalist Party, Wellington, Cape Colony, 1866; Leslie Howard, actor, London, 1893; Henry Luce, publisher of *Time*, *Fortune*, *Life*, Tengchow, China, 1898.

DEATHS: Bartolomé Murillo, painter, Seville, 1682; John Berkenhout, physician and naturalist, Besselsleigh, Oxfordshire, 1791; Reginald Heber, bishop and hymn writer, Trichinopoly, India, 1826; Christopher North (John Wilson), writer and philosopher, Edinburgh, 1854; Sir James Clark Ross, Arctic explorer, Aylesbury, 1862; Jesse James, outlaw, shot dead, St Joseph, Missouri, 1882; Johannes Brahms, composer, Vienna, 1897; Richard D'Oyly Carte, promotor of Gilbert and Sullivan operas, London, 1901; Kurt Weill, composer, New York, 1950; Ferde Grofé, composer, 1972; Sir Peter Pears, tenor, Aldeburgh, 1986.

The Pony Express started the regular 2,000-mile run from Missouri to California, 1860.

Stalin was appointed General Secretary of the Communist Party, 1922.

The Brixton riots began, 1981.

University news

Cambridge
Corpus Christi College
Elected to Visiting Fellowships tenable during 1994-95:
Professor P. P. Castaneda, University of Pennsylvania; Professor E. Hunter, University of Alabama; Professor M. M. Manuel, University of Toronto; Mr A. L. Morris, Partner, Linklaters and Paines, London; Professor H. Petersmann, University of Heidelberg; Professor T M. Robinson, University of Toronto; Professor J. L. Taitz, Head of the Department of Public Law, University of Durban-Westville; Professor S. D. Tremaine, University of Toronto.

St John's College
Appointed Chaplain of the College for three years from October 1 1994: The Rev Nicholas Ian Moir (M.A., Conville & Caius College, Cambridge.

Glasgow
The university has appointed Dr Graham C M Watt to the Norie-Miller Chair of General Practice. Professor Watt was previously senior lecturer in Public Health Medicine at the University.

Durham
The new Principal of St Chad's College, is the Rev Dr Duane Arnold, an American, who takes up his post in October 1994. He first came to Durham in 1983 as a postgraduate student member of St Chad's College when he worked for the degree of PhD in Early Church History. As an Episcopalian priest he has since served as the University Chaplain, and is presently an assistant to the Rector of St Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York.

Cranfield
Lord Kings Norton, 91, has been reappointed Chancellor for a five-year term. The title of Emeritus Professor was conferred upon Dr Tom Cass, formerly Professor of Management Services, and on Dr Patrick Parks, former Bashforth Professor of Mathematics and Ballistics, both of whom retired from the university in 1993.

Kingston
The university has appointed Sir Frank Lampl, Chairman of the Bovis Construction Group, as its first Chancellor.

Garden exhibits lead gold rush

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

GARDENS and floral displays at the Spring Gardening Fair at Olympia took 34 gold medals, indicating the high quality of the exhibits.

Five gardens were awarded gold, including *The Times* French garden, a formal garden featuring mixed beds of flowers, vegetables and herbs, edged with low-box hedging; and the *News of the World* family garden, which made good use of space.

The other gold medal winners were a Victorian garden from Brent Council; a Japanese garden from Hilliers Garden Centres, of Ampfield, Hampshire; and a garden of camellias from Trehane Camellia Nursery, of Wimborne, Dorset. Other winners were:

African Violet Centre, of King's Lynn, Norfolk; Anthony Johns, of Pershore College, Hereford and Worcester, for bedding plants; Brian and Heather Hiley, of Wallington, Surrey, for unusual perennials; Burncoose and South Down Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, for trees and shrubs; Craig House Cacti, of Southport, Lancashire; Derry Watkins Special Plants, of Chippenham, Wiltshire, for unusual plants; and Devine Nurseries, of Humberside for house plants. Glenedd Nursery, of Spalding, Lincolnshire, won for African violets; Goldbrook Plants, of Hoxne, Suffolk, for hardy perennials; Greenacre Nursery, of Southport, Lancashire, for carnations; and Herons Bonsai Nursery, of Newchapel, Surrey, for bonsai.

J Walker's Bulbs, of Spalding, Lincolnshire, won for its daffodils; Jacques Amand, of Stanmore, northwest London, for spring bulbs; Just Herbs Plus, of Bushey, Hertfordshire, for herbs and alpines; Kingfisher Nurseries, of Bromsgrove, Hereford and Worcester, for patio roses; Owen Brothers, of Bevere Green, Hereford and Worcester, for azaleas and other plants; Paradise Centre, of Lamarsh, Suffolk, for unusual bulbs and perennials; Peter J Smith, of Ashington, West Sussex, for alstroemerias and lilies; Pinewood Bonsai, of Formby, Lancashire, for bonsai; Potterton and Martin and Peter Orme Landscapes, of Nettleton, Lincolnshire, for alpines and bulbs.

Southcombe Gardens, of Exeter, Devon, won for alpines and other plants; Southfield Nurseries, of Bourne, Lincolnshire, for cacti and succulents; Steven Bailey, of Lymington, Hampshire, for pinks and carnations; the British Heather Growers' Association, of Spalding, Lincolnshire; the Netherlands Board of Tourism for tulips; the Plant Lovers, of Spilsby, Lincolnshire, for cacti; the Tropical Rain Forest, of Leeds, for bromeliads; Three Counties Nurseries, of Bridport, Dorset, for pinks; and Valley Clematis Nursery, of Hainton, Lincolnshire.

Appointments

Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust
The Baroness Cox, Deputy Speaker, House of Lords, and Professor Denis Pereira Gray, OBE, FRCGP, Director of the Postgraduate Medical School, University of Exeter and past chairman of the Royal College of General Practitioners, have been appointed to join the Board of Governing Trustees of the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust.

The Atlantic Council
Sir Patrick Duffy, former Labour Party defence spokesman and a past President of the North Atlantic Assembly, has been appointed Deputy Chairman of the Atlantic Council of the United Kingdom.

Royal Naval Museum
Vice Admiral Sir Barry Wilson KCB has succeeded Admiral Sir Anthony Morton GBE KCB as Chairman of Trustees of the Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth.

Church news

Appointments

Archdeacon of Leicester
The Rev Mike Edson, Warden of Lee Abbey, diocese of Exeter, has been appointed Archdeacon of Leicester, diocese of Leicester, succeeding the Ven David Silk, now Bishop of Ballarat, Province of Victoria, Australia.

Archdeacon of Suffolk
The Very Rev Geoffrey Arrand, Dean of Bocking, Rural Dean of Hadleigh, Rector of Hadleigh w Layham and Shelley, and an Honorary Canon of St Edmundsbury Cathedral, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, has been appointed Archdeacon of Suffolk, same diocese, succeeding the Ven Neil Robinson, who is retiring at the end of April.

The Rev Nigel Abbott, Team Rector, Hemel Hempstead: to be also Rural Dean of Hemel Hempstead (new deanery) and Chairman of St Albans Diocesan Board for Social responsibility (St Albans).

The Rev Andrew Ashdown, Assistant Curate, Cranleigh (Guildford): to be Vicar, St James Ryhill (Wakefield).

The Rev Dr Steven Croft, Vicar, Ovenden and Diocesan Mission Consultant (Wakefield): to be also Priest-in-charge, St Augustine's, Halifax, same diocese. Rev Bill Goodman, Assistant Curate, Ovenden, will act on his behalf in St Augustine's parish.

The Rev Thomas Dawson, Vicar, Chevington: to be Vicar, Cowgate (Newcastle).

The Rev Roger Driver, Priest-in-charge, St Paul, Fazakerley: to be Team Vicar, St Paul, Fazakerley (Liverpool).

The Rev Donald Felix, Incumbent, Hanbury w Newborough (Lichfield), who is to retire from April 30: to be Priest-in-charge (NSM), Hanbury w Newborough.

The Rev Patrick Foreman, Rector, Hevingham, Hainford and Stratton Strawless: to be also Rural Dean of Ingworth (Norwich).

The Rev Trevor Hicks, Vicar, All Saints, Castleford: to be also Rural Dean of Pontefract (Wakefield).

The Rev Anne Horton, Diocesan Training Officer: to be also Priest-in-charge, Swithland St Leonard (Leicester).

The Rev Gordon Kegg, Assistant Curate, Luton, St Hugh, Lewsey: to be Team Vicar, Hemel Hempstead: District: St Barnabas, Adeyfield (St Albans).

The Rev Brian Lee, Vicar, Spratton, Priest-in-charge, Great Creaton and joint Priest-in-charge, Maidwell w Draughton and Lamport w Faxton: to be also Rural Dean of Brixworth (Peterborough).

The Rev Leslie Masters, Chaplain, HM Prison, Littlehey: to be Priest-in-charge, St Goran w St Michael, Caerhays (Truro).

The Rev Canon Paul Mellor, Vicar, Menheniot: to be Canon Treasurer of Truro Cathedral (Truro).

Church services tomorrow

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Terra tremuit (Byrd), Responses (Reading), Te Deum (Vaughan Williams), Jubilate (Britten in C), Rise Heart (Vaughan Williams); 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Ives), Magdalen, cease from sobs and sighs (Hurford), The Archbishop; 3.15 E, Responses (Reading), Bairstow in D, Ecce, vicit leo (Philips); 6.30 Sermon and Compline, The Archdeacon.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Sung Euch, Darke in E, Haec Dies (Byrd), Christ the Lord is risen again (Foster), Choral in A minor (Franck), The Bishop; 3 E, Responses (Rose), Jesus Service (Mathias), Hallelujah Choris (Handel), Toccata in C (Bach)

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany (Erasmus Chapel); 8 HC (Quire); 10 Choral M, Responses (Rose), The Easter Anthems (Middleton), Te deum (Rutter in C), The Bishop of Chester; 11.30 Choral Euch, Harold Darke in F, This joyful Eastertide (Wood), Now the green blade riseth (Shaw), Amen (Naylor), The Dean; 3.30 E, Responses (Rose), Most glorious Lord of life (Gibbs), Amen (Naylor); 6.30 ES, Canon Trevor Dennis.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Jackson in G; 10 M, Responses (Rose), Stanford in B flat, This joyful Eastertide (Wood), The Dean; 11.15 HC, Missa brevis (Mozart), Dum transisset Sabbatum (Taverner), The Bishop; 3.30 E, Easter acclamations (Eden), Bairstow in D, In exitu Israel (Wesley), Toccata (Dubois).

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 Sung Euch, Setting (Stanford in C), God liveth still (Freylinghausen-Bach), The Bishop of Leicester; 4 E, Responses (Smith), We praise thee, O God (Stanford).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch & Procession, Messe solennelle (Vierne), Now the green blade riseth, The Dean; 11.15 M, This joyful Eastertide (Wood), Te deum and Jubilate (Stanford), Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), The Bishop; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E & Procession, This joyful Eastertide (Wood), Wesley in E, Hallelujah (Handel), Toccata (Duruflé).

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch & Procession, Missa Brevis (Mozart), Haec Dies (Byrd), Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), The Dean; 3.30 E & Procession, Responses (Rose), Stanford in A, Blessed be God and Father (Wesley).

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Messe Solenelle (Langlais), This Joyful Eastertide (Wood); 6.30 E, Dyson in D, The Dean

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Treasurer; 10 Sung Euch, Messe Solennelle (Vierne), Dum Transisset (Tavener), The Bishop; *6 E, Responses (Sanders), St Paul's* Service (Howells), Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Shepherd), The Deacon.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 7, 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Rev JL Thompson, Bishop; 11.30 M, Ye choirs of Jerusalem (Stanford); 3 E, Haec Dies (Byrd), Bairstow in D, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), The Precentor.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: *8 HC;* 10M; 10.30 Abbey Euch, Missa brevis (Mozart), Laudate Dominum (Mozart), Dum transisset (Tavener), The Dean; 3 E, Responses (Rose), Westminster Service (Howells), Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Ven John Barton; 5.45 Organ Recital, Martin Baker; *6.30 ES*, Canon Anthony Harvey.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12.15, 5.30, 7 M; 10 MP; 10.30 HM with orchestra, Mass in G Schubert, Et Resurrexit (Bach); 2.30 Organ Recital, Iain Simcock; 3.30 Solemn V&B, Magnificat primi toni (Bevan), Haec dies (Byrd), Resurrection (Dupre).

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Kronungsmesse (Mozart), Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), Rev John Habgood; 11.30 M, Responses (Rose), Stanford in C, Very Rev John Southgate; 4 E & Procession, Brewer in D, Very Rev John Southgate.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral Euch, O salutaris hostia (Nicholson), Prelude & Fugue in B major (Dupre); 3.30 E, Stanford in G, Responses (Clucas), Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Spatzen Mass (Mozart), Hallelujah Chorus (Handel); 3.30 Adult Confirmations, Fr Anthony Richins.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 HC, Rev David Macleod; 10 HC, Gloria in excelsis deo (Mozart), The Minister; 11 MS, Te deum Laudamus (Stanford), The Minister; 6 Organ Recital, Peter Backhouse; 8 ES, Rev Dr J Philip Newell.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: *7.30 M; 8, 9 HC; 11 Euch with* Blessing of the Easter Garden, Messe Solennelle (Vierne), Dum transisset sabbatum (Taverner), The Dean; 3.15 E, Stanford in A, Light of the world (Elgar), Grand Choeur Dialogue (Gigout), Rev Dr John Halliburton; 5.15 ES, Rev John Lees.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, Stanford in C, This joyful Eastertide (Llewellyn), The Provost; 6.30 E, Kelly in C, Hallelujah (Handel), Te deum in B flat (Stanford).

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Kronungsmese (Mozart), Haec dies (Byrd), The Vicar; 6 E&B, Stanford in C, Alleluya, Christe is now rysen agayne (Vaughan Williams), Rev P McGeary.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 C, Rev Preb Richard Bewes; 6.30, Rev John Cook.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Jugendmesse (Haydn), O Domine Jesu Christe (Gabrieli), Terra tremuit (Byrd).

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 HC, Rev Stanley Hood.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Mozart), Terra tremuit (Byrd), Haec dies (Palestrina); 5.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 5.40 V&B.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 M, Mass in D (Dvorak), Surexit Pastor bonis (Victoria), 12.30, 4.30, 7 M; 3.30 V & B, Haec dies (Sheppard)

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral C, rev Ronald Englund; 2 Swahili HC, Rev Lukas Wanjie; 7 Choral M, Mossa Solemnis (Mozart), Rev Dr Helver Hoffman.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, *Smithfield*, EC1: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Preb Michael Shrewsbury; 6.30 Choral E, Rev Anthony Winter.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 5.45 Liury of the Dawn, Darkness to Light, New Fire, Communion, egg rolling in Fleet Street and breakfast; 11 Easter Service & Euch, Te deum (Stanford in B flat), Communion Setting (Mozart in C), Haec dies (Byrd), Canon John Oates; 6.30 E & Sermon, Canticle (Stanford in C), Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Canon John Oates.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: today: 9 pm Easter Vigil, Mass in g minor (Vaughan Williams), Sicut cervus (Palestrina), Prelude & Fugue (Saint Saens). Tomorrow: 11 Sung Mass, Nelson Mass (Haydn), O filii et filiae (Andriessen).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Mozart in C, Halleluja (Bach), Rev GD Watkins.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Sparrow Mass (Mozart), Hallelujah (Beethoven), Rev Bill Wilson; 6 E & Ministry of Healing, Sumsion in G, Alleluia (Bach), Rev Graham Buckle.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Sung Euch, Messe Solennelle (Vierne), Rev Jeremy Caddick.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, *WC2: 5.30 Easter Vigil; 8 HC,* 12.30; 9.45 Euch, Walking in a garden (Stringer), St Martin's Service (Stringer), Most glorious Lord of lyfe (Hunt), Haec dies (Byrd), Set me as a seal (Walton), Hornpipe (Handel), The Vicar; 11.30 Visitors Service. Now the green blade riseth, Responses (Rose), Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford), Rondeau (Purcell), Rev John Pridmore; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Dr J Bennett; 5 E, Responses (Aylward), Magnificat (Stanford), Prelude (Bach); 6.30 ES.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: today: 9pm Easter Vigil, Messe Solennelle (Langlais), Christo resurgenti (Couperin). Tomorrow: 8, 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa brevis (Walton), Haec dies (Byrd), This is the day (Hodson), Rev Christopher Courtauld.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Kronungemesse K 317 (Mozart), Haec Dies (Byrd), Since by man came death (Handel), Canon Christopher Colven; 6 E&B.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon, Responses (Smith), Te deum (Ireland in F), Rise heart, thy Lord is risen (Vaughan Williams), Canon JGMW Murphy; 3 E, Responses (Smith), Short Service (Gibbons), Haec dies (Byrd).

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: *11 Sung Euch,* Darke in F, Rev Canon Eric James.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP & HC, Jesus Christ is risen today (Thomas), Responses (Radcliffe), Te deum Laudamus (Stanford in C), Jubilate Deo (Stanford), Blessed be the God the Father (Wesley), This joyful Eastertide (Wood), The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral HC, *Haec dies (Byrd), Missa brevis* (Mozart), Band of the blues and royals, The Chaplain.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, *SE10: 11* Sung Euch, The world itself keeps easter day (Cantiones), The strife is o'er (Henry Ley), The Chaplain.

TRADE: 071 481 1982
PRIVATE: 071 481 4000

PERSONAL COLUMN

FAX: 071 481 9313
FAX: 071 782 7828

Uphold the cause of the weak and the fatherless and see right done to the afflicted and destitute. Psalm 82:3 (REB)

BIRTHS

BARTLE-JONES - On March 31st to Emma (née Dunlop) and Guy, a son, Harry Antony Huw.

DAVIES - On March 23rd, to Beverley (née Wilson) and Mark, a daughter Pascale Eliza Havard, a sister for Matthew and Lydia.

HARRY - On March 27th, at St. Thomas' Hospital, to Fiona (née Gelder) and Timothy, a daughter, Alice Elizabeth.

LOXDALE - On 29th March, to Judy (née John) and James, a splendid son, George William, a brother for Cameron.

MANSEL - On March 18th, at the University Hospital of Wales, to Elizabeth (née Skone) and Robert, a son, Courtenay Robert John.

McMILLAN - On 29th March in Brussels, to Lena (née Madsen) and Neil, a son, Christian Alexander Madvig.

MOYNIHAN - On 31st March, to Gaynor-Louise (née Metcalf) and Colin, a son, Nicholas Ewan Berkeley.

PEARSON - On 31st March 1994 at St John of God Hospital, Subiaco, Perth, Western Australia, to Kim (née Mostyn) and James, a daughter, Abigail Louisa, a sister for Oliver.

SANDERSON - On March 30th at Duke University Medical Centre, North Carolina, to Angela (née King) and Iain, a son, James Alexander.

DEATHS

BELL - On March 29th, peacefully at home, George James, Wing Commander RAF retd. Loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation at Slough Crematorium, Stoke Road, Slough, on Tuesday 5th April 1.30 pm. Donations to The Children's Society, Margery Street, London WC1X OJL or the RNLI, West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset BH15 1HZ.

CAME - On March 29th, after a short illness, Veronica Mary, aged 96, widow of Rob Came, formerly of The Uganda Colonial Service. Funeral on Tuesday April 5th at 11 am in Harpsden Church, Henley. No flowers at her wish, but donations in her memory may be sent to Arthritis Research.

CAME - Lt. Cdr. Peter Came R.N. (Rtd) peacefully on March 29th. Very much loved husband of Margaret and father of Michael and Elizabeth, and adored grandfather of Luis, Rosie and Rupert. The funeral will be private. A Memorial Service will be announced later.

CULLINGTON - On Wednesday March 30th, peacefully at home after a long illness courageously borne, Richard (Dick). Much loved husband of Margaret and father of David and Elizabeth. Funeral Service on Wednesday April 6th at 3pm at Christchurch, Esher, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but donations if wished to The Royal British Legion.

HAMMOND - On March 26th suddenly in his sleep at home near Aylesbury, George Martin, dear husband to Diana, a loved and respected father, grandfather and friend. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford, on Friday May 6th at 11 am. No flowers please, donations to The Cornerstone Trust c/o Canon David Goldie, 300 Saxon Gate West, Central Milton Keynes.

JACKLING - On March 31st, peacefully in hospital, Lady Joan Tustin. Deeply loved by her sons Michael and Roger and their families, B.J., Brook, Jane, Oliver and Timmy. Family funeral and cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 8th April at 1.45 pm.

MAIR - Andrew, beloved husband of Dorothy and dear father of Lucy and David. At home in Stokesley March 29th 1994.

PARKINGTON - Michael Wroughton. On 30th March most dearly loved husband of Peggy.

PHELIPS - On March 28th 1994, Brigadier Denis Charles Prescott Phelips O.B.E. (Burma Star) aged 94 years. Beloved husband of Susie. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. He served with distinction as an officer in the Burmese Civil Service in Burma during the Second World War. Funeral Service Exeter and Devon Crematorium Thursday April 7th at 3 pm.

PROUDFOOT - Reginald John. On March 30th 1994 quietly at home aged 80. Greatly loved husband of Margaret and father of Charles. Funeral on Friday April 8th at St Mary's Church, Lower Ufford, Suffolk at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to E.B. Button & Sons, Woodbridge, Suffolk, tel: (0394) 382160.

RAMPTON - On March 30th 1994, Sir Jack Leslie Rampton K.C.B. aged 73 years. He was much loved and will be greatly missed by his wife Eileen, children Mary and David and sister Rosamunde. For funeral details contact W and F Groombridge, tel: (0732) 353964.

SAMUELSON - On March 28th, suddenly and peacefully, Elizabeth Margery (Lizzie) aged 86 years, of Esher. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Monday April 11th at 3 pm. Family flowers only and donations to National Trust, to be sent to F.W. Paine, 29 Coombe Road, Kingston-Upon-Thames, Surrey and enquiries to F.W. Paine, (081) 546-4813.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW [illegible] charity, education [illegible] of underprivileged in S Africa + S America, just starting up. £25,000 needed now. Please help & send Easter donation to: Cavendish Warner Foundation, PO Box 3644, London, SW1W 0BN. Also volunteers needed.

SCULLY - ALLEN - Derek and Nickie are to marry on 6th May, 1995. Congratulations from us all, and happy Easter my love X X.

British Heart Foundation
TAKE HEART. WE'RE HERE
Make a donation to help fund vital research.
BHF, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.
[illegible]

ANTIQUES & COLLECTING

YORK INTERNATIONAL POSTCARD EXPO 1994
100+ DEALERS
YORK RACECOURSE
APRIL 8, 9, 10
FRI 12-8pm SAT 10-6pm SUN 10-6pm
AA SIGNPOSTED
DETAILS [illegible]

BIRTHDAYS

B.H.S. Happy birthday darling A. Love you forever. Your girl S.S.S.

NICK
Happy Birthday.
Yes,
I will marry You.
Love always
Barbara.

DOMESTIC & CATERING SITUATIONS

NANNY 2 professionals/3 children, California, San Fran area need mature responsible female for fulltime position starting May. N/s, must drive. Room with bath, good salary, car. Send CV with refs to 1185 Everett Ct, Concord, Ca 94518 or call USA 510 827 9219.

FLIGHTS DIRECTORY

COSTCUTTERS on flights & hols to Europe, USA & most destinations. Diplomat Travel Service Ltd: 071-730 2201. ABTA 26703 IATA/ATOL 1355.

FOR SALE

ANTIQUE Leatherbound Books. Available by the yard for decoration and library furnishing. MERRION BOOK CO (0263) 77238 Fax: (0263) 77676

FINE FUR AUCTIONS Sell your furs in Europe through Harvel Merchant (UK) Ltd, International Fur Auctioneers. Tel: 0249 720600. Fax: 0249 720587

FINE FUR AUCTIONS Sell your furs in Europe through Harvel Merchant (UK) Ltd, International Fur Auctioneers. 0249 720600. Fax 0249 720587

FOR SALE

OLD & NEW york, french, & pennant stone flagstones, floor tiles, stone troughs, victorian brick, cobble sets etc. Nationwide deliveries: 0380 850039 (Wilts)

PING ZING GOLF Clubs 2-SW (USA) £960. Order in specification Tel 0392 [illegible]

Grand Piano...
Grand Master..
Grand Opportunities!
The Times
For Sale Columns
071 481 4000

GIFTS

A BIRTHDATE Newspaper. Original. Superb presentations. Open 7 days a week. Freephone 0800 [illegible]

FLOWERS BY POST year round. 12 Carnations £9.50, 18 £12.50, 24 £17.00, 12 Carnations and 25 Freesias £17.00, 25 Freesias £10.00, 24 Carnations & 25 Freesias £23.50. Card and message inc. Le Neuve Maison Nursery, St Saviour's, Guernsey. CI Tel 0481 [illegible] CC's. Fax 0481 [illegible]

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

HARRODS PIANO SALON.
Pianos since 1894
A wide range of quality pianos and electronic keyboards.
Credit terms available, ask for details.
For further information telephone 071-730 1234.
Harrods

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

A viola of H. & A. Amati Cremonen Andrea [illegible] F1617. Perfect condition. Very good instrument. Scale 4125 mm. Certificates on request. Please Reply to Box No 6890

RENTALS

BARONS COURT, Lux 2 bed flat with [illegible] All mod cons, 2 mins tube. £205 pw. 0488 [illegible] or 071 603 0804.

KENSINGTON W8, 1 bed lux flat, grnd floor. [illegible] all mod cons. [illegible] £185 pw. 071 937 6691.

LEGAL NOTICES

APPLICATION FOR ON LICENCE LICENSING ACT 1964
TAKE NOTICE that we, EVERTON DANIELS of 60 [illegible] Hill London SW2 [illegible] having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of [illegible] and MAXWELL BRYANT of 32 Lavender Gardens London SW11 1DJ having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Licence Assistant and ABA MICHAEL COORE of 42 New Church Road Camberwell London SE5 7JJ having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Decorator intend to apply at the LICENSING SESSIONS to be held at the Magistrates' Court 176A Lavender Hill London SW11 1JA on Tuesday 19th April next at 10.30 a.m. for the PROVISIONAL GRANT [illegible] Justices' Licence, authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption ON the premises situate at 25/27 Sternhold Avenue London SW2
Dated this 31st day of March 1994
Farrells, Solicitors, 569 Battersea Park Road, London SW11 3BL

F.P. No. 085/470/93
IN THE DISTRICT COURT AT PAPAKURA
Applicant
LORAINE MARIE FARLEY of Manukau, Student and Mother
Respondent
JAMES FLANAGAN, Address Unknown, Occupation Unknown
NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT
TO: JAMES FLANAGAN, Occupation Unknown, formerly of Ampleforth College, Yorkshire, England.
LORAINE MARIE FARLEY has filed an application against you for the following order: Paternity Order
A copy of the application, with a notice containing information for you, may be obtained from my office. If you do not file a notice of defence to the application on or before 6th August 1994 the case may proceed without your being heard.
Dated 7 October 1993
Deputy Registrar
Any person knowing the whereabouts of the abovenamed JAMES FLANAGAN is asked to bring this notice to his attention.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 001784 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF CANDECCA RESOURCES LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that a Petition was on the 16th day of March 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share capital of the above-named Company from £34,000,000 to £2,010,148 and the reduction of the share premium account of the said Company by £22,134,000.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 20th April 1994.
ANY CREDITOR or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the share capital and the share premium account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated the 2nd April 1994
ASHURST MORRIS CRISP
Broadwalk House
5 Appold Street
London EC2A 2HA
Reference: SAW
Solicitors for the said Company

No. 001781 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF CAMBRIAN EXPLORATION LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that a Petition was on the 16th day of March 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share capital of the above-named Company from £11,000,000 to £1,367,548.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 20th April 1994.
ANY CREDITOR or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the share capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated the 2nd April 1994
ASHURST MORRIS CRISP
Broadwalk House
5 Appold Street
London EC2A 2HA
Reference: SAW
Solicitors for the said Company

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 001291 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
BETWEEN:
Y.J. LOVELL (HOLDINGS) PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 23rd March 1994 confirming the reduction of the share capital of the above-named Company from £51,784,000 to £31,797,498.92 and the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £30,772,496 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the said particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 28th March 1994.
Dated this 2nd day of April 1994
ASHURST MORRIS CRISP
Broadwalk House
5 Appold Street
London EC2A 2HA
Reference: SAW/abs
SOLICITORS FOR THE SAID COMPANY

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased persons whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

BASTOW, Doreen Mary of 3 Sutcliffe Avenue, Earley, Reading, Berkshire died on 30th April 1993; particulars to Sarjeant & Sheppard Solicitors of 180 Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1HE before 10th June, 1994.

GODFREY DAVID MERRELL of 39 Chancery Road London SW5 [illegible] Lilliput [illegible] died on 29th November 1993. Particulars to Cockburns, [illegible] of Pembroke, [illegible] Road, Guildford, Surrey GU[illegible] Solicitors, before 10th June 1994

GWIAZDOWSKA, Helena of 10 Princess Crescent, Finsbury Park, London N4 2HJ died on 28th January 1994 particulars to Carter Lemon Solicitors of 11 Breams Buildings, London EC4A 1HB before 3rd June 1994.

HARDING Mabel Gladys of Sville Lodge Nursing Home Arbor Lane, Winnersh, Wokingham, Berkshire formerly of 1 Greenacre Lane, Reading Rd, Winnersh, Wokingham, died on 20th November 1993; particulars to Sarjeant & Sheppard solicitors of 180 Friar Street Reading Berkshire, RG1 1HE before 10th June 1994.

TRUSTEE ACTS

LEE-DUNHAM Marie of Adelaide Nursing Home, 203/205 New Church Road, Hove, East Sussex (formerly of Abbeycrest Nursing Home, Knowlands Road, Sonning Common, Berkshire) died on 26th November, 1993; particulars to Sarjeant & Sheppard Solicitors of 180 Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1HE before 10th June, 1994.

MARA Mr Victor Dennis of 164 Hampden Way Southgate London N14, Retired Scenery Maker died 10 December 1993; Particulars to Harbottle & Lewis, Hanover House 14 Hanover Square London W1R 0BE. Name of Executors: Alan John Pellan and Richard Mara before 4 June 1994.

RACKHAM Albert Ernest of 5 [illegible] Hill, Holloway, London N7 died on 27th September 1993 particulars to Barlow & Partners Solicitors of 41 Stoke Newington Church Street, London N16 0NX before 4th June 1994.

ROBERT ALEXANDER WILKIN late of 65 Cheviot Road, West Norwood, London SE27 OLP died on 11 February 1994. Particulars to Anthony Gold, Lerman & Muirhead, Solicitors of The Hop Exchange, 24 Southwark Street, London, SE1 1TY before 4th June 1994.

ROSA MAY CROOK late of 167 Wide Way, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 1BQ died on 5 February 1994. Particulars to Anthony Gold, Lerman & Muirhead, Solicitors of The Hop Exchange, 24 Southwark Street, London, SE1 1TY before 4th June 1994

WILLIAM EDWARD ROBERTS late of Mallards, 41 Overhill Road, Dulwich, London SE22 0PQ died on 24 December 1993. Particulars to Anthony Gold, Lerman & Muirhead, Solicitors of The Hop Exchange, 24 Southwark Street, London, SE1 1TY before 4th June 1994

TICKETS FOR SALE

ABSOLUTELY ALL Sold Out Events. All theatre, pop and sport, Wimbledon [illegible] CC Hotline. 071 [illegible]

BOX OFFICE, Bryan Adams, Diana Ross, Phantom, Saigon, Les Mis, Grease, + hotels avail. Call 081 789 0014. (24 Hrs).

TICKETS FOR SALE
When responding to advertisements readers are advised to establish the face value and full details of tickets before entering into any commitment. Most sports tickets are subject to strict re-sale and transfer rules.

WANTED

PRE 1940 clothes, linen, lace, paisley shawls, fans, dolls etc. wanted. Tel 071 229 9618

COLLECTOR IS SEEKING ANYTHING FROM THE ARTIST BILL TIDY, SPECIALLY THE REPRINTS OF THE "DAILY MIRROR" STRIP "THE FOSDYKE SAGA" PLEASE FORWARD YOUR OFFER TO: ROLF ALTMEYER, DOGGILOCHSTR. 42, CH - 7250 KLOSTERS, SWITZERLAND.

ANIMALS IN NEED
Please help us give compassionate care to abused and abandoned cats and dogs and those whose owners have died or are seriously ill. Our sanctuary provides daily forest walks for dogs, also a neutering service in the poorer city areas. We spay not slay.
Donations to:
WOODSIDE ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST, Elfordleigh, Plympton PL7 5ED
(Reg Charity No 208768).

Kidney Research Saves Lives
Please help with a donation now and a legacy later
NATIONAL KIDNEY RESEARCH
NATIONAL KIDNEY RESEARCH FUND
Dept.TT, 42 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RG
Registered Charity No.252892

Old and Fit NOT Old and Sick
Help us make old and fit a fact of life
A donation now and a legacy later, please
RESEARCH INTO AGEING
Dept.TT, FREEPOST, London EC4B 4BD
(formerly British Foundation for Age Research)

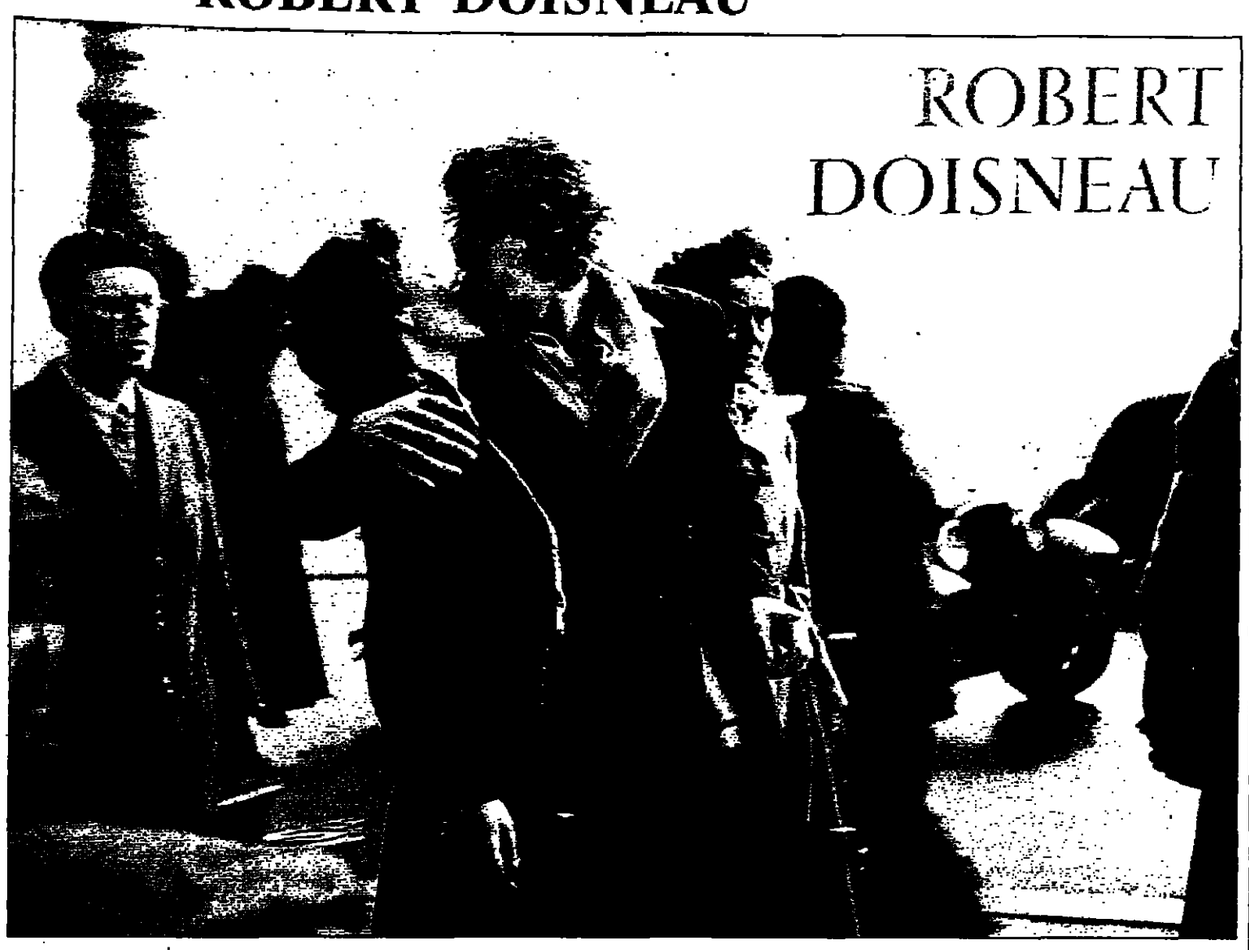
هكذا من الأهل

هكذا من الأصل

OBITUARIES

ROBERT DOISNEAU

Robert Doisneau, French photographer, died yesterday aged 81. He was born in Gentilly in on April 14, 1912.



ROBERT DOISNEAU was one of the most successful of the photographers who took up the small format camera which was developed during the 1930s and his pictures went on to encapsulate and later exploit Henri Cartier-Bresson's dictum of the "decisive moment". One of his most famous pictures, "The Kiss at City Hall", was the subject of a legal dispute last year. Two elderly couples claimed that they were the young lovers immortalised stealing a kiss on a Paris street in 1950. The court ruled that a kiss was just a kiss and that neither couple had proved they were on the picture. In the course of the proceedings, Doisneau maintained that the couple in his picture were models, not anonymous passers-by, an admission that may slightly detract from the aura of spontaneity that surrounds his photography but is unlikely to discredit his work unduly.

Doisneau's main body of work, with its emphasis on ordinary people seen in unexceptional locations, spanned more than 30 years and was plucked from the Parisian streets he loved so well. He took the commonplace and transformed it into something extraordinary and special with a sparkling degree of humour, wit and warmth.

Doisneau studied both lithography and photography, working as an industrial and commercial photographer with the Renault Motor Company in the late 1930s. Through the work of his contemporaries, Brassai and Kerterz, he became interested in the possibilities of the small, easy to handle, 35mm cameras — the tool which was to rescue press photography from the doldrums into which it was rapidly heading and force the pace of reportage photography generally where intuition and spontaneity shared a role.

He flirted briefly with fashion and magazine photography in the 1940s, working for many magazines including *Paris-Match* and *Vogue*, before moving on to concentrate almost exclusively on the street life of Paris, the genre of photography he was to make uniquely his own. During the war he served in the French Army and the Resistance.

Doisneau may not have been the first urban photographer — one thinks of Thomas Annan in Scotland and Atget in France before him (whom incidentally he admired) — but he was the first photographer to try to arrest the multifarious nature of urban life, seizing on the possibility of finding a personal artistic expression through the new compact cameras.

Unlike other documentary photographers who sought merely to record the scene, Doisneau brought to his subject an intimate and gentle eye. He was never the grand, brash inquisitor addressing issues of national importance, content instead to search out ordinary people living unexceptional lives. But, in what was, an exceptional city, he saw everything with great humour as life evolved around him. And what urban life it was that flooded past Doisneau's camera. Trifling incidents which would have slipped by without a second glance, for Doisneau became the stuff of dreams. The couple who kiss as they pass the Parisian street café, the bloated policeman about to be devoured by a *trompe l'oeil* mouth, the small ragamuffin boys showing off their handstands in front of their more elegant contemporaries, evoke the abandonment of everything to the moment.

"I wanted to find something so beautiful it would take my breath away," Doisneau said early in his career. In the nicest possible way he became a visual pickpocket, an *habitué* of the streets, slipping in silently with his camera and giving life to the ephemeral.

"I only feel at home in the sort of streets where you come across an old-age pensioner with a little white dog, a flower lady, a kid on roller skates, and a fat man all at the same time," he said.

Doisneau's pictures are full of the most delicious and inoffensive humour. He wanted to show the world as he would have liked it to have been at all times: funny, ridiculous, poignant — all infused, however, through his camera, with deep human understanding. But he could at times be savage too and assume the role of a 20th-century Daumier, pricking the inflated balloons of bureaucratic pretension.

Yet his main task was to offer ordinary people the opportunity and gift of a place in history.

The destruction of the urban environment also concerned him, and his photographic essay on Les Halles before it fell to the developers' bulldozers to make way for the Centre Pompidou was one of his most successful.

But in Doisneau's fixing of a moment there is of necessity an underlying hint of tragedy in that the sense of time passing lurks constantly behind the apparent *joie de vivre*. "Where are they now?" the viewer asks of the anonymous players in this tragi-comedy. Perhaps it was one of Doisneau's greatest skills that in the merest fraction of a second he could suggest the overbearing sense of life's great mystery continuing beyond the photograph's borders.

"A hundredth of a second here, a hundredth of a second there — even if you put them end-to-end they still only add up to perhaps three seconds snatched from eternity," he wrote.

Doisneau, dapper and elegant, his spectacles always thrust up into his greying hair, once said that his only interest was in leaving on earth a record of his brief visit. He did more than that. His photographs give life to the ephemeral and substance to the intangible anonymity of the ordinary citizen.

Many of the most arresting moments he captured — "The Kiss at the Opera", "The Cinema Queue", "Oranges in the Rue Mazarine" and "Paris 1950" — have been turned into mass-selling posters and postcards by the modern design industry. He staged his last exhibition only recently in Toulouse.

MOLLY BREARLEY

Molly Brearley, CBE, educationist, died on March 27 aged 88. She was born in Hastings in 1905.

MOLLY BREARLEY was a noted and influential contributor to the development of primary education, especially in the 1960s and 1970s. She was a contributor to the Department of Education's Plowden Committee and much of her thinking is reflected in the committee's 1967 Report *Children and their Primary School* which, today is sadly undervalued.

Her own studies, for example of Piaget, and her understanding of childhood and the importance of recognising and building on children's individuality, differing abilities and responses comes through in the report and in her own published writings. No supporter of a casual or lax approach to schooling or study, Molly Brearley set and expected high standards and demanding goals.

The daughter of Dr Hermon Brearley (later cathedral organist at Blackburn), Molly Brearley was educated at Blackburn High School and Liverpool University. Her career in teaching began at Kettering High School for Girls. A developing interest in the education of young children then led her to undertake part-time Froebel training. From this sprang her life-long commitment to Froebelian values in her approach to work with children and adults.

Joining the staff of the Bedford Froebel Training College for teachers she was responsible for work with children in the Demonstration School and for training students. This dual role involved the close linking between direct, practical experience and theoretical studies which characterised her whole approach to education and the training of teachers.

Endowed with considerable energy and enterprise, she also found time for work with wartime evacuees, with women who had mental handicaps, with orphans and prisoners. Her well developed artistic sense, her informed interest in the natural world and her love of literature were all passed on to pupils and students and for many inspired a lasting enjoyment of interests new to them.

From Bedford she went as lecturer in the teacher training department of Birmingham University, later its Institute of Education. Molly Brearley played a very large part in the establishing and development of the Remedial Education Centre at Selly Wick, a pioneering initiative, combining services for schools with research by staff and students. The activities of the centre reflected her own insistence on an academically rigorous, child-centred approach. She also undertook much external examining and ran highly regarded in-service courses for teachers. She played a part in the setting up of British funded centres and courses in basic education in postwar Europe.

In 1955 she became Principal of the Froebel Educational Institute, Roehampton, succeeding her friend Eglantyne Jebb. From here she had considerable influence on educational thinking and practice, especially with regard to nursery and primary schools and the education and training of teachers. She served on committees of London University, the National Froebel Foundation, the BBC and many other bodies. Her exceptional energy enabled her to inaugurate developments such as innovative diploma courses for teachers, full or part-time. She knew her students well and was readily accessible to them. She had an easy relationship with people of all backgrounds.

Tall and elegant, she was a distinguished and memorable figure. A very large number of former pupils, students and colleagues kept in touch with her to the end, valuing her



companionship and guidance. Into her eighties she remained in demand for teachers' courses in this country and North America. No-one of such strong personality could escape criticism but no critic could doubt the depth and sincerity of her convictions nor of the strength of the principles demonstrated in her professional and in her private life.

LEON DEGRELLE

Léon Degrelle, wartime Belgian fascist leader, died in hospital in Málaga, Spain, on March 31 aged 87. He was born on June 15, 1906.



Léon Degrelle in the uniform of the Wallonian Legion

THE leader of Belgium's Walloon nationalist Rexist Party, which he founded in the 1930s, Léon Degrelle surprised many political observers by the success of his party's first tilt in the electoral lists in May 1936. In the 202-seat Belgian parliament of the day, the Rexists took votes from the Socialist, Catholic and Liberal parties to finish well ahead of the other two parties of disaffection — the Flemish Nationalists and Communists — and ended up with 23 seats.

True to Degrelle's promise, the Rexists carried out their programme of obstruction in the Belgian chamber of deputies. Outside parliament, Degrelle was arrested on a number of occasions and either imprisoned or fined for offences ranging from unlawful assembly to slander.

As the Fascist character of his party became more marked as the 1930s drew to a close, Degrelle often found it easier to broadcast his manifesto from Fascist neighbour states like Italy. Once Belgium had become subjugated by Nazi Germany in May 1940, however, Degrelle placed himself firmly at the head of the collaborationist movement and in 1941 founded the Wallonian Legion to fight alongside the Germans on the Eastern front.

Several times severely wounded, Degrelle was given the rank of a general in the Waffen SS by the Germans and, having already won the Iron Cross, was, in February 1944, personally decorated with the Knight's Cross by Hitler.

This was the summit of his career. Thereafter with the collapse of Nazi Germany his dream too collapsed in ruins. There never was a Nazi protectorate of Greater Burgundy (harkening back to the Middle Ages), of which he had fancied himself as head, in the image of a latter-day Charles the Bold. Instead, condemnation to death by a Belgian court late in 1944 compelled him to take evasive action as the net closed. Postwar vengeance against traitors was harsh in Belgium and many Belgian Waffen SS men faced the firing squad after reaching home from Soviet prisoner of war camps. Degrelle fled first to Norway and from there in a light aircraft to Spain where he crash-landed, with his fuel tanks empty, on a beach near San Sebastián.

In Spain he was given asylum by the Franco regime. There was a certain fund of sympathy for him in that direction as, during the final stages of the war, he had taken command of scattered units of the Spanish Blue Division who had stayed on in Germany after the retreat from the Soviet Union. As a result, repeated requests by the Belgian government for his extradition were ignored in the following years.

In 1954 he became a Spanish citizen, taking the name Léon José de Ramirez Reina, by which he was ever after known to his acquaintances in the country. Though thoroughly accepted by his new compatriots he was, nevertheless, compelled to lie low at times, particularly in the early 1960s when, in the wake of the abduction by Israeli agents of Adolf Eichmann from what he had thought was safety in South American exile, Degrelle feared that an enthusiasm for such kidnappings of war criminals might extend to the Belgian secret services too. For some years he was confined to a small, shabby room in Madrid, seldom venturing out. At moments when danger from Belgian agents seemed to be in the wind he was moved from house to house, staying with one senior Spanish officer after another.

Later, however, he gradually came out into the open. Ironically the danger to him seemed to lessen in the period after the death of Franco. He appeared at a wedding in a military uniform covered with his Nazi decorations and published an article "Memoirs of a Fascist" in a daily newspaper. In Málaga he regularly received visits from representatives of Europe's rightwing parties and, as one of its survivors, basked with some amusement in the contemporary fascination with the details of Hitler's New Order.

HENRY CROOM-JOHNSON

Henry Croom-Johnson, CMG, CBE, Assistant Director-General, British Council, 1966-72, died on March 22 aged 83. He was born on December 15, 1910.

HENRY Croom-Johnson was one of a select band of officers who fought to save the British Council when it was a newlyformed organisation from its predatory enemies, including Churchill, Beaverbrook and the Treasury. One senior Treasury official opposed the granting of a royal charter to the council because that would increase its chances of survival after the war.

Henry Powell Croom-Johnson was the eldest son of Sir Reginald Croom-Johnson and Lady (Ruby) Croom-Johnson. He was educated at Stowe and at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Unlike his younger brother, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson, he chose not to follow his father into the legal profession, becoming an assistant master at Bedford School from 1932 to 1935, when he joined the British Council.

Croom-Johnson served in the forces from 1939 to 1946, first with the Queen's Westminsters and the King's Royal Rifle Corps, later on the staff in Sicily, Italy and Greece. After his demobilisation, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, he rejoined the council in 1946, remaining in its service until his retirement in 1973.

His administrative ability and energy gained him rapid promotion. He was Controller, Finance Division, 1951-56, and after a year as Controller, European Division, became Representative, India, 1957-64.

Like many senior officers at this period, Croom-Johnson had never previously held a British Council post outside London. When he did so his intelligence, determination and capacity for hard work ensured that he would make an admirable representative. And, much to the general amusement, it was learnt that, goaded by the heat and dust of the hot season, Croom-Johnson would fulminate against the mandarins of Davies Street who always thought they knew better than the men on the spot.

Returning to London, he filled, successively, the posts of Controller, Overseas Division B, and finally, Assistant Director-General, 1966-72.

After his retirement Croom-Johnson played a major part in founding the British Council Staff Association, of which he became a popular and effective president. He was an ebullient, decisive and, at times, peremptory man; although capable of guile, he was never mean or treacherous. In 1947 he married June Mandry, by whom he had two sons. He was appointed OBE in 1954, CBE in 1964 and CMG in 1974.

RICHARD STARR

Richard Starr, archaeologist and United States intelligence specialist, died at Leesburg, Virginia, on March 9, aged 94. He was born in 1900 at Eau Clare, Wisconsin.

THE early career of Richard Starr bore more than a passing resemblance to that of Steven Spielberg's Indiana Jones.

Joining a Harvard expedition to the cave temples of Tun-huang in western China soon after his graduation from Cornell, Starr travelled by pony and ox-cart for 1,800 miles along the Silk Road, studied Mandarin, and began his journey home by floating down the Yellow River on a raft supported by inflated sheepskins. His subsequent route crossed Indo-China, Malaya, Java, Burma, India and Europe.

In 1925, Richard Francis Strong Starr joined the Harvard dig at Nuzi, near Kirkuk, in Iraq, directing the excavations there from 1929 to 1931. Nuzi, on the site of present-day Yorgan Tepe, proved to be a dig of immense importance to students of Middle Eastern archaeology. Abandoned for more than a thousand years, the site revealed 12 layers of habitation, some of the earliest of which disclosed details of a dynasty, the Hurrians, who had previously been known only through Old Testament references to "the Horites".

Starr's excavations uncovered more than 4,000 cuneiform clay tablets, as well as many examples of Hurrian ceramics and glyptic art and the world's oldest map, inscribed on clay, which has been dated to 2,300 BC. The material disclosed details of Hurrian family law and customs, and also clarified many difficult passages in the patriarchal narratives of Genesis.

Starr returned to the United States to write a two-volume account of his work at Nuzi, which gained him his doctorate from Princeton University in 1938.

The onset of the Second World War, however, brought an end to Starr's scholarly career. He served in the Office of US Naval Intelligence from 1942 to 1946, then joined the State Department as a research specialist on the Middle East. From 1961 until his retirement in 1965 he filled the same position in the Central Intelligence Agency.

Richard Starr was widowed in 1982. He leaves one son.

Latest wills

Recent estates include (net, before tax paid):

The Rev Keith **Briusmead**, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, who was awarded his DSO in September 1943 at Salerno where he commanded a battalion of Royal Engineers in the assault, left estate valued at £118,508 net.

Baron Mais, of Beckenham, Kent, former chairman and joint managing director of Trollope and Colls, and Lord Mayor of London 1972-73, left estate valued at £364,295 net.

Margaret Atkinson **Keitch** of Penrith, Cumbria, left estate valued at £548,306 net.

She left £4,000 to personal legatees, £1,000 each to Penrith Methodist Church, Penrith United Reformed Church, and Christ Church, Penrith, and half the residue to the RSPB, and a quarter of the residue each to the NSPCC and Barnardo's.

Mr John Robert **Horrocks**, of Brook, near Lyndhurst, Hampshire, left estate valued at £968,331 net. He died intestate.

Sir John Lawrence **Longland**, of Bakewell, Derbyshire, Director of Education for Derbyshire 1949-70, and the question-master of the long-running BBC radio quiz *My Word*, which he chaired for more than 20 years, left estate valued at £238,526 net.

Mr William Michael Frances **Rothenstein**, of Stisted, Essex, the artist and print maker, left estate valued at £779,343 net.

Mr Henry **Archer**, of Kew, Surrey, former under-secretary in the Department of Health and Social Security, who during the last war flew Lancasters in No 106 Squadron, and later published under the pseudonym of Jeremy Fisher, left estate valued at £169,765 net.

Other estates include (net before tax)

Mr Hubert Harry Wilson **Beale**, of Etchingham, East Sussex £575,035

Mrs Phyllis Eileen **Case**, of Salisbury, Wiltshire £578,076

Katherine **Balke**, Lady De **Trafford**, of London SW1 £528,088

Rosalind Mary Winifred **Edmeades**, of Wrotham, Kent £1,058,998

Mrs Frances Pearl **Esterkin**, of Salford, Greater Manchester £1,366,706

Mrs Miriam **Gabo**, of London NW5 ..... £1,333,723

Mrs Barbara Edith **Green**, of Lewes, East Sussex £989,586

Mr Philip Gray **Grimshaw**, of Addiscombe, Surrey £701,782

Ida Beatrice **Moon**, of Westbury on Trym, Bristol £695,232

Mr Ralf Reginald **Mounsdon**, of Doncaster, South Yorkshire £985,242

Mr Robert William **Shield**, of Stapleton, Darlington, Co Durham £789,783

Marion Elaine **Thomas**, of Swansea, West Glamorgan £890,289

Mr George **Winchester**, of Swanland, North Humberside £834,290

Mrs Marjorie Christina **Barratt**, of Cheltenham ..... £852,424.

Mr John Spencer **Clarke**, of Whitchurch, Hampshire. £773,437.

Mrs Patience Emily **Dawe**, of Woodbury, Devon ..... £978,831.

Mr Ivor Desmond **Greenwell**, of Midhurst, West Sussex £1,425,567.

Mr Douglas Gadsby **Jones**, of Bexhill, East Sussex ..... £721,879.

Vivien Joyce Vine **Mossop**, of Sidmouth, Devon ..... £775,985.

Mr Charles Maurice **Ormerod**, of Walton on Thames, Surrey ..... £688,354.

Stella Margaret **Pittard**, of London NW3 ..... £665,021.

Mrs Elizabeth Sheila **Saunders**, of Henley in Arden, Warwickshire ..... £917,307.

Mrs Jean Dorothy Vavasour **Saunders**, of London NW11 ..... £610,666.

Mr Elliot Edward Coventon **Scott**, of Rickmansworth, Herts £763,729.

Mr Eric George **Semler**, of Caterham, Surrey ..... £674,260.

Mr Raymond Cecil **Symes**, of Curdridge, Hampshire .. £702,439.

Mr Edward Jack **West**, of Hornchurch, Essex ..... £861,989.

THE UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE

This great race — the Derby of the Thames, the most exciting contest of its kind that can be witnessed in any part of the world — came off on Saturday with all its customary *éclat*. Owing to the inconvenient state of the tide, it was at first intended that the race should be rowed down the river from Mortlake to Putney; but this arrangement was at last abandoned, and the usual course up the stream was adhered to, the time of starting being altered from 1 in the day to half-past eight in the morning.

Doubtless among the other inducements to choose this early hour was the hope that in so doing the number of steamboats which always follow close in the wake of the competitors might be in some measure reduced. If this was so, the precaution proved of no avail, for the steamers were almost more numerous than on previous occasions, and the only change which the early hour appeared to have effected was in diminishing the attendance of those visitors who generally line the banks of the river in such numbers and add such gaiety to the scene. Eventually some stringent measures will have to be adopted with regard to the steamboats or this great race will either be spoilt or one of its anniversaries will be marked by such an accident as may throw a gloom over future contests ...

The steamers were completely crowded and the smart cutters of the Westminster boys and London Rowing Club were out as usual, and skimmed like swallows over the water. Contrary to usual custom, both crews got ready for the race with the most laudable punctuality ...

Oxford gradually pushed her boat's nose more and more in advance till opposite the Putney Cricket-ground when she was half a length ahead. Animated by tremendous cheering, Cambridge slowly gained on their opponents till the distance between them was reduced, when in turn "light blue" began to forge ahead, and got a slight lead which was afterwards maintained with more or less success throughout the race. Yet up to within a short distance of the goal, it seemed almost an open question which would win, for Oxford fought every step ... Still the pace was kept up till Cambridge had passed the winning post, when they threw up their oars in token of an honourable defeat ... Neither crew seemed in the least distressed.

ON THIS DAY

April 2 1860

The race was supposed to begin at 8.30am, but was delayed by a false start. The summary in the official history Battle of the Blues *— "Neither crew was of outstanding merit, but a better race has seldom been seen" — is borne out by the account in* The Times

THE TIMES TODAY

SATURDAY APRIL 2 1994

NEWS

Boy dies in fairground accident

■ A boy aged nine was killed and his father and brother injured when a fairground water chute was struck by an overhead lighting arch, possibly loosened by gale-force winds.

The accident has again raised questions about the safety on funfair rides. Since 1986 there have been 11 fatal accidents. Witnesses expressed astonishment that the rides were still operating in high winds ..... Page 1

Holiday misery as mine hunt widens

■ High seas pounded the coast and caused misery for holidaymakers. The alert for lost anti-personnel mines was widened to Suffolk after a case of them was found in a river 60 miles from the beach where they were washed away ..... Page 1

Murder warning

Police investigating the killing of Barry Stubbings, a stockbroker, issued a warning to the gay community after it was revealed that a similar attack took place only hours before his death ..... Page 1

Spying row

Britain and Russia sought to calm strained bilateral relations after a month-long spy row resulted in tit-for-tat expulsions ..... Page 1

Video nasty action

Michael Howard is to urge film censors to take a 'tougher line in banning video nasties ..... Page 2

The new Triads

A powerful Chinese criminal network rivalling the triads has arrived in Britain, according to European intelligence experts. Page 10

Musical terrorism

The Hecklers, a group of "musical terrorists", have joined the backlash against avant-garde art and plan to disrupt concerts ..... Page 6

Flying the flag

Christian Boot, is aghast that they will play *L'Internationale* to open the Channel tunnel, voicing worries about the chances of British investment in Calais ..... Page 9

Inner city fear

Fear of local ballot-box victories for the British National Party and an increase in racial attacks are causing inner city tension Page 11

Spring hope

The arrival of spring in Sarajevo has brought bright yellow wild flowers and new life to a city that has found peace ..... Page 12

Hopeless choice

Rival Algerian fundamentalist and military government death squads have murdered girls for wearing head covers and for going *bare-headed* ..... Page 15

Shocking Madonna

Madonna may have gone too far with a profane performance on a favourite programme ..... Page 14

Around the world in 74 days

■ *Enza New Zealand*, the 92-foot catamaran co-skippered by Peter Blake and Robin Knox-Johnston, returned to Ushant riding the tail of a 50-knot souther-westerly gale to clip almost 4 days 8 hours off the non-stop circumnavigation record. They set out 74 days ago on the 27,000 mile challenge ..... Page 3

RICHARD AUSTIN



Huge waves crashing over the sea front wall at Lyme Regis, Dorset, yesterday. Roads in the town — and at Bexhill, Eastbourne and Weymouth — were closed by floods and shingle thrown in by the gales

Most mysterious day: The silence of Holy Saturday takes Good Friday to the uttermost and it is from that silence of the grave and the darkness of evil triumphant that Christ is raised to the life of God's new creation ..... Page 17

Spies like us: The tit-for-tat expulsion of British and Russian diplomats for alleged spying has a weary ring to it. But it should not cause *surprise* ..... Page 17

When confronted with the messy deals of Mr and Mrs Clinton, this Administration's habit is first to brush off the questions, then to dribble out documents that purport to put matters to rest
— Wall Street Journal

SIMON JENKINS: The awful prospect is that the only private operator likely to come forward to run rail franchises will be a spiv ..... Page 16

DAVID CANNADINE: How ironic that today's Sissinghurst cult should be so strong among the middle classes. Harold and Vita would surely — to use one of their favourite verbs — have hated it. Or would they? ..... Page 16

Robert Doisneau, photographer; **Léon Degrelle**, Belgian fascist leader; **Molly Brearley**, educationist ..... Page 19

Getting in a twist with the telephone flex ..... Page 17

Queens Moat: Almost a year after shares in were suspended the distressed hotels group has rejected an American offer to buy its heavily indebted French hotels for a nominal sum ..... Page 21

Markets: A strong rise in employment sent the American bonds market into a freefall, as Wall Street feared higher interest rates ..... Page 21

Housing: Brisk business this weekend could work wonders for the market. There is the impetus of house prices 2.8 per cent higher than last year ..... Page 25

Credit cards: The number using them has fallen from 34 per cent in 1989 to 31 per cent and those who do have them avoid interest ..... Page 21

Football: Blackburn Rovers meet Manchester United at Ewood Park in a match they must win to have any hope of clinching the title .....Page 40

Cricket: Devon Malcolm returns to the England team in Grenada but there are fears that the state of the pitch will test his repaired knee more than the West Indies Board XI's batsmen .....Page 40

Golf: The talents of Laura Davies have made her the No 1 woman player in the world but she could be better .....Page 38

Rugby league: Wigan, the league champions, ended a run of defeats with a 15-9 win at St Helens but Warrington, the joint leaders, stayed four points clear .....Page 34

SATURDAY TIMES

VISION



Brand of humour: Jo Brand, founder member of the Less Attractive Mate Association, has a new series .....Page 3
Order of the boot: Applying technology to the act of kicking led a former footballer to redesign the boot ..... Page 5

WEEKEND



Children's crusade: Xu Xi, aged 13, was one of 10,000 children who produced pictures warning about the dangers of pollution ..... Page 1
Stephen Fry: Lynne Truss encounters the vicous, self-opinionated, poet-bigot narrator in his new novel ..... Page 15
Best hotel bedrooms: Read Robin Young's top ten and chose your own ..... Page 20
Competitions: Punch captions, computer games, bridge, chess and the Jumbo ..... Pages 10, 27
Collecting: Joseph Connolly examines an all-consuming passion for cook books. Plus: the latest saleroom talk .....Page 10

WEEKEND ARTS



Songbird battle: Elaine Paige is the "popular option" for *Piaf*; Julia McKenzie "the intelligentsia's choice" for *Sweeney Todd*. The Olivier Award nominees ..... Page 5
Great British Hope: Meet Adam Cooper, the 22-year-old ballet dancer who has built his career by stepping in for his injured colleagues on *the big night* ..... Page 5
Home viewing: Harrison Ford and the Oscar-winning Tommy Lee Jones star in this week's top video release, *The Fugitive* ..... Page 6
Home listening: Prince, or as he prefers, "the artist who used to be known as Prince", is enjoying his biggest hit for years in America .....Page 7

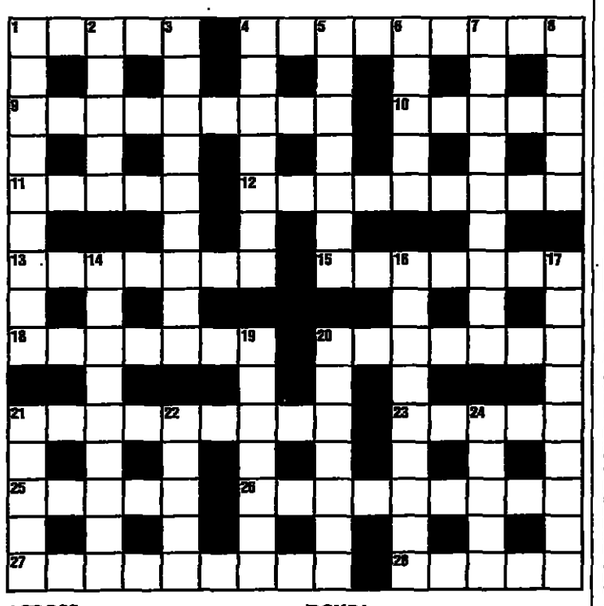
THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,506

KNOCKANDO

A bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky uniquely bottled only when at its peak of perfection rather than at a pre-determined age, together with a beautifully crafted stationery rack, will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

Name/Address .....

.....



ACROSS

1 Blows *into* hose (5).
4 Good books that don't always achieve recognition (9).
9 Nabob's dog and cat run inside (9).
10 Trunk noisily pulled apart thus (5).
11 Point of view that may be obtuse (5).
12 Something for everyone where this is kept (4,5).
13 Get Jack *out of the cooler* (7).
15 Girls' school novel — read one (7).
18 It's hot in the banking hall (7).
20 They say the girl has a heel for a shrink (7).
21 Counts are a push-over for such a woman (9).
23 Sort of wood *that* has a bloom (5).
25 Swan circling about to tidy its feathers (5).
26 Chart showing where golfers get a free drop? (6,3).
27 Recent arrival who can always find a waiter (4-5).
28 Singer's settled course of progress (5).

DOWN

1 *Jewish caper dish (not orthodox)* (9).
2 Cold ventilator is stuck fast (5).
3 It may be used to conceal one's position in the field (5-4).
4 Place the landed gentry soon leave (7).
5 *Old-fashioned clothes last longer* (7).
6 Miserable fellow loses wicket to heave (5).
7 Drink and smoke inside — it makes a smell! (9).
8 In agreement to make amends (5).
14 *Apartment borrowed from you* sounds windy (9).
16 Play bill (9).
17 You can write on this for a fiver weekly, perhaps (9).
19 A platform for the beak (7).
20 Forming a ring to do away with a king (7).
21 Maker of varnish is a firm friend (5).
22 Garment cut in pieces (5).
24 Melon could be a failure (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,500

		D	O	W	N	T	H	E	H	A	T	C	H	
B	O	I	U	M	B	R	H							
A	U	D	I	T	O	R		B	R	A	M	A	D	O
L	G	H	N	E	N	M	L							
L	A	S	T	O	U	T		R	E	D	W	O	O	D
E	O	U	A				O	I	M					
T	E	N	E	T		B	E	R	I	N	G	S	E	A
D			L	E				N						
A	R	C	H	I	T	E	C	T		F	U	S	E	S
N	A	N			O	O	H	B						
C	E	L	E	S	T	A		U	P	R	A	I	S	E
E	Y	U	R	C	T	V	A							
R	I	P	P	L	E	D		H	A	U	T	E	U	R
	S	I	E	E	N	R	D							
M	O	R	N	I	N	G	D	R	E	S	S			

Solution to Puzzle No 19,505

F	O	R	C	E	P	S		P	A	T	R	I	O	T
O	A		V	E		E	E		N		R			
U	N	T	I	E		C	A	R	T	R	I	D	G	E
N	T		N	T	S		S	R		A				
D	I	L	U	T	E		L	I	F	E	R	A	F	T
L	E		U		D	F			W					
I	N	D	I	A		I	L	L	O	M	E	N	E	D
N			T	M	A		I			E				
G	A	T	H	E	R	I	N	G		S	T	A	F	F
	A			N	E		C		S	E				
B	A	C	I	L	L	U	S		P	O	S	T	E	R
A	T		I	T	A		U		R		M			
S	T	I	T	C	H	I	N	G		N	O	I	S	E
I	L		I	V	E		T		D		N			
S	C	E	P	T	R	E		D	E	S	S	E	R	T

Last Saturday's winners: A Reed, Tanfield Road, Dudley; W J George, Regis House, Beaumont Street, London; D Hindhaugh, Green Lane, Morpeth; CJ Emerson, Laburnam Avenue, Kingshurst, Solihull; O Knight, The Oaks, Horseshoe Lane, Cranleigh.

©TIMES NEWSPAPERS LIMITED, 1994. Published and printed by Times Newspapers Ltd at 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN, telephone 071-782 5000 and at Knowsley Park Industrial Estate, Riding Road, Prescot, Merseyside, L34 9HN, telephone 051-546 2000. Saturday, April 2, 1994. Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office.

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0891 500 followed by the appropriate code.

Greater London	701
Kent,Surrey,Sussex	702
Dorset,Hants & IOW	703
Devon & Cornwall	704
Wilts,Glouc,Avon,Soms	705
Berks,Bucks,Oxon	706
Beds,Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709
Shrops,Herefds & Worcs	710
Central Midlands	711
East Midlands	712
Lincs & Humberside	713
Dyfed & Powys	714
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
N W England	716
W & S Yorks & Dales	717
N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Caithness,Orkney & Shetland	726
N Ireland	727

Weathercall is charged at 38p per minute (cheap rate) and 48p per minute at all other times.

For the latest AA traffic and road-works information, 24 hours a day, dial 0336 401 followed by the appropriate code.

London & SE traffic, roadworks

Area within M25	731
Essex/Herts/Beds/Bucks/Berks/Oxon	732
Kent/Surrey/Sussex/Herts	734
M25 London Orbital only	738

National traffic and roadworks

National motorways	737
West Country	738
Wales	739
Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

AA *Roadwatch is charged at 39p per minute* (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

TODAY

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
6.35 am	7.35pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
10.42 am	2.07 am

Last quarter tomorrow

London 7.35 pm to 6.32 am
Bristol 7.45 pm to 6.42 am
Edinburgh 7.53 pm to 6.39 am
Manchester 7.46 pm to 6.38 am
Penzance 7.55 pm to 6.55 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
6.32 am	7.37 pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
2.53 am	11.50 am

Last quarter today

London 7.37 pm to 6.30 am
Bristol 7.46 pm to 6.40 am
Edinburgh 7.55 pm to 6.37 am
Manchester 7.48 pm to 6.36 am
Penzance 7.57 pm to 6.53 am

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.47	6.93	6.11	6.54
Aberdeen	5.20	3.81	6.09	3.73
Avonmouth	11.11	11.60	11.35	11.17
Belfast	3.02	3.17	3.49	3.10
Cardiff	10.56	10.79	11.20	10.41
Devonport	9.57	4.8	10 14	4.6
Dover	2.51	6.28	3.21	6.0
Falmouth	9.27	4.6	9 44	4.5
Glasgow	4.28	4.6	4.56	4.5
Harwich	3.38	3.90	4.03	3.58
Holyhead	2.09	5.15	2.48	4.84
Hull	10.17	8.83	10.55	8.52
Ilfracombe	10.03	8.04	10.28	7.68
King's Lynn	10.19	5.9	11.08	5.5
Leith	9 41	5.02	7.34	4.93
Liverpool	3.01	8.78	3.34	8.31
Lowestoft	1.25	2.38	1.35	2.23
Margate	3.53	4.61	4.15	4.34
Milford Haven	10.22	6.04	10.50	5.93
Newquay	9.16	6.1	9.47	6.0
Oban	9 32	3.0	10.11	3.1
Penzance	9.09	4.6	9.27	4.6
Portland	10.39	1.6	11.02	1.6
Portsmouth	3.10	4.4	3.48	4.3
Shoreham	2.56	5.84	3.29	5.56
Southampton	2.45	4.29	3.26	4.14
Swansea	10.26	8.39	10.56	8.22
Tees	7.48	4.90	8.31	4.76
Wilton-on-Nze	3.36	4.10	3.59	3.77

Thursday: Highest day temp: Cromer, Norfolk, 13C, 55F; lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 6C, 43F; highest rainfall: Teignmouth, Devon, 0.83in; highest sunshine: Skegness, Lincolnshire, 11.1hr.

General: England and Wales will have widespread blustery showers, although some sheltered parts of E England may be dry this morning. The showers will turn wintry, especially on higher ground. Showers may merge to give longer outbreaks in NE England later today. Drier in evening.

Scotland will have showers, heavy and thundery in places. They may merge to give longer outbreaks, before becoming more scattered this evening. Rain is expected in parts of W Scotland around midnight. Colder than yesterday and windy.

London, SE Eng, E Anglia, Cent S Eng, Midlands, E Eng: Some places dry this morning, but blustery showers becoming widespread. Drier by evening. Wind mostly W fresh to strong. Max 10C (50F).

Channel Isles: Blustery showers, some heavy with hail. Wind mostly W fresh to strong. Max 10C (50F).

SW Eng, Wales, NW Eng, Lake Dist, IoM, Cent N: Widespread blustery showers with hail and sleet or snow especially on hills. Wind mostly W, strong to gale. Max 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

NE Eng, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scot, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scot, Orkney, Shetland: Widespread blustery showers, turning to sleet or snow especially on hills and perhaps *thundery. Showers may merge to give* longer outbreaks this afternoon and evening. Wind W to SW, strong to gale. Max 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

Argyll, NW Scot: Frequent blustery showers, wintry at times. Drier this evening before rain returns. Wind W to SW, strong to gale. Max 7C (45F).

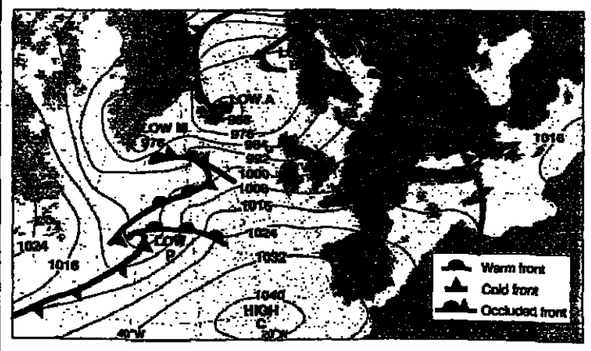
N Ireland: Blustery showers. Wind W to SW, strong to gale. Max 7C (45F).

Outlook: Unsettled, wet.

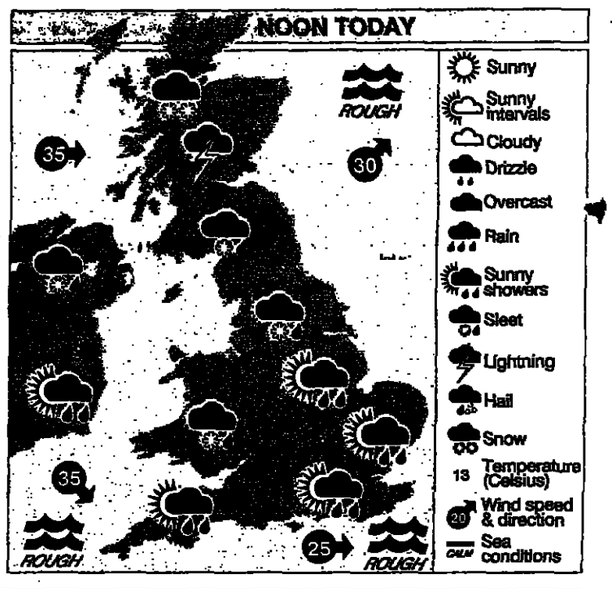
MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; dr=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

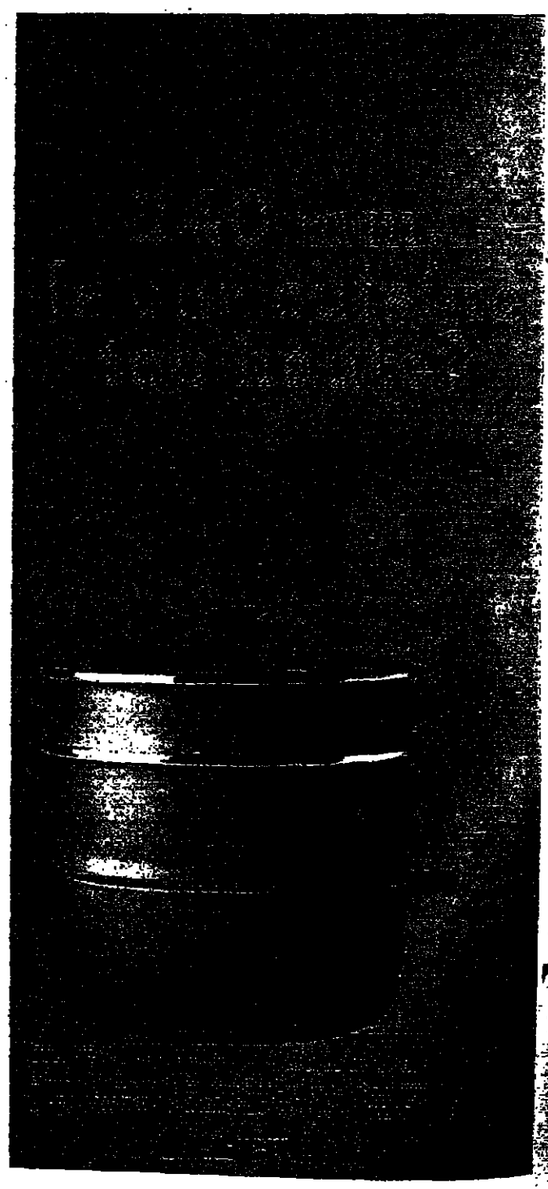
	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.2	0.14	11	52	r	Liverpool	2.6	0.20	11	52	sh
Anglesey	3.1	0.24	10	50	b	London	5.7	X	12	54	sh
Aspatria	0.4	0.23	8	46	r	Lowestoft	7.8	0.12	13	55	s
Aviemore	-	0.76	6	43	r	Manchester	3.0	0.22	11	52	sh
Belfast	2.7	0.04	10	50	sh	Margate	6.6	0.19	11	52	sh
Birmingham	5.5	0.34	12	54	sh	Minehead	X				
Bognor R	5.5	0.38	11	52	h	Morecambe	0.8	0.24	10	50	r
Bournem'th	2.3	0.63	11	52	sh	Newcastle	6.9	0.13	10	50	b
Bristol	X					Norwich	7.3	0.13	12	54	sh
Buxton	2.4	0.54	8	46	r	Nottingham	4.9	0.17	13	55	sh
Cardiff	3.1	0.37	10	50	sh	Penzance	2.1	0.54	11	52	r
Clacton	5.5	0.08	10	50	s	Plymouth	-	0.61	10	50	r
Cleethorpes	X					Poole	0.6	0.41	12	54	sh
Colwyn Bay	4.5	0.27	11	52	b	Ross-o-wye	X				
Cromer	X	0.04	13	55	s	Ryde	3.9	0.31	11	52	sh
Dunbar	X					Salcombe	2.2	0.69	11	52	sh
Eastbourne	5.1	0.35	12	54	s	Sandown	4.8	0.35	11	52	s
Edinburgh	4.5	0.11	11	52	sh	Seaton End	1.5	0.40	10	50	sh
Eskdalemuir	-	0.82	6	43	h	Scarboro'	5.6	0.16	11	52	b
Exmouth	2.1	0.57	10	50	r	Scilly Isles	1.0	0.38	10	50	r
Falmouth	X	0.59	11	52	r	Shanklin	X	0.34	11	52	sh
Folkestone	5.3	0.21	11	52	sh	Skegness	11.1	0.10	12	54	s
Glasgow	0.8	0.43	9	48	r	Southend	X				
Guernsey	-	0.47	X	X	r	Southport	2.9	0.14	10	50	b
Hastings	4.7	0.33	11	52	s	Southsea	4.3	0.26	11	52	sh
Hayling I.	X					Stornoway	4.2	0.56	9	48	sh
Herne Bay	6.5	0.20	12	54	sh	Swanage	3.4	0.46	11	52	sh
Hove	3.1	0.29	12	54	sh	Teignmouth	4.0	0.83	11	52	r
Hunstanton	8.1	0.12	12	54	s	Tenby	3.2	0.61	10	50	r
Isle of Man	2.8	-	10	50	c	Tiree	1.1	0.48	9	48	sh
Jersey	2.3	0.46	12	54	r	Torquay	2.9	0.67	12	54	b
Kinloss	3.9	0.15	9	48	sh	Tynemouth	6.0	0.12	11	52	b
Leeds	5.2	0.07	11	52	sh	Ventnor	4.5	0.30	10	50	sh
Lerwick	4.6	0.21	7	45	r	West-s-mere	X				
Leuchars	5.2	0.10	11	52	sh	Weymouth	2.7	0.51	11	52	sh
Littlehmptn	4.1	0.42	11	52	sh	Wick	X				

Ajaccio	18	64	f	C'phagn	7	45	r	Majorca	22	72	f	Salzburg	20	68	c
Alicatnt	17	63	f	Corfu	17	63	s	Malaga	21	70	f	S P'risco	16	59	s
Alex'dria	18	64	c	Dublin	7	45	r	Malta	18	64	s	Santiago	20	68	f
Algiers	23	73	s	Dubrovnik	18	64	s	Melb'rne	21	70	c	Seoul	16	61	s
Amst'dam	9	48	r	Faro	18	64	c	Mexico C	21	70	s	Sing'por	29	82	t
Athens	16	61	s	Florence	13	55	f	Miami	27	81	c	St'kholm	10	50	s
Bahrain	32	90	s	Frankfurt	12	54	c	Milan	13	55	c	Strasb'rg	12	54	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Funchal	21	70	f	Montreal	5	41	s	Sydney	25	77	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	11	52	r	Moscow	4	39	f	Tangier	17	63	c
Barcelona	24	75	f	Gibraltar	18	64	c	Munich	19	66	f	Tel Aviv	11	52	r
Beirut	14	57	f	Helsinki	2	36	r	Naples	17	63	s	Tenerife	22	72	s
Belgrade	24	75	s	Hong K	26	79	s	N Delhi	30	86	s	Tokyo	18	64	f
Berlin	16	61	c	Innsbruck	13	55	f	N York	13	55	f	Toronto	7	45	s
Bermuda	19	66	f	Istanbul	10	50	s	Nice	15	59	c	Tunis	23	73	s
Biarritz	12	54	r	Jeddah	29	84	s	Oslo	7	45	r	Valencia	25	77	f
Borde'x	15	59	f	Jo'burg	18	64	f	Paris	10	50	c	Vanc'ver	10	50	c
Brussels	9	48	s	L Palmas	19	66	s	Perth	28	79	s	Venice	16	59	f
Budapst	21	70	s	Le Touq	7	45	f	Peking	20	68	f	Vienna	21	70	s
B Aires	21	70	s	Lisbon	17	63	f	Prague	18	64	s	Warsaw	21	70	s
Cairo	20	68	c	Locarno	11	52	r	Reykjavik	3	37	c	Wash'ton	14	57	s
Cape Tn	21	70	s	L Angels	19	66	s	Rhodes	17	63	s	Wel'ngton	19	66	s
Chicago	8	46	s	Luxemb'g	10	50	c	Rio de J	30	86	f	Zurich	11	52	r
Ch'church	15	59	c	Luxor	24	75	s	Riyadh	36	97	f	X = not available			
Cologne	12	54	f	Madrid	18	64	f	Rome	17	63	f				



Changes to chart above from noon: High C will be slow-moving, Low P will move E and deepen, Low A will move N and fill, Low B will lose identity, Low M will fill







LIBRARY



PROFILE 23

Nursing Bupa's balance sheet back to health



MELVYN MARCKUS 22

Our City Editor criticises OFT's regulation of gas



SPORT 34-40

The first lady of golf on course for improvement

WEEKEND SPORTING FIXTURES
Page 35

THE TIMES

SATURDAY APRIL 2 1994

87963
388

Bonds plunge as US jobs rise

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU
IN WASHINGTON

NEWS of a strong rise in employment sent the American bond market into free-fall, underlining Wall Street's nervousness in response to good news about the economy.

Fears of higher inflation and higher short-term interest rates pushed the dollar higher against leading foreign currencies. The benchmark 30-year treasury bond fell almost two points, an abnormally large one-day fall, and its yield soared to just under 7.25 per cent against Thursday night's closing level of 7.08 per cent.

Trading in bonds and currencies was thin, as Wall Street was officially closed for Good Friday, but most brokerage firms kept their desks open. New York's stock exchanges were closed for trading.

The dollar rose on the foreign exchange markets, almost reaching DM1.70, against Thursday's close of DM1.6735. The wild market reaction followed the release of March employment statistics, which showed a rise in the US non-farm labour force of 456,000, almost double the increase forecast, and the highest single month's rise since October 1987. US investors are more interested in employment figures — considered a fairly reliable gauge of economic activity — than the more volatile rate of unemployment. This remained at 6.5 per cent in March under a newly adopted more conservative measure.

The rise in employment was largely a result of a strong economic rebound after the harsh east-coast winter. Industries that contributed most to employment growth were retail, entertainment and business services.

The markets' reaction underlines fears of higher inflation, or rather of the perception of higher inflation at the Federal Reserve, headed by Alan Greenspan. Yet yesterday's data suggest that wage inflation remains low. Average hourly earnings were up only 0.1 per cent in March.

Laura D'Andrea Tyson, President Clinton's chief economic adviser, welcomed the "good news on the underlying fundamentals of the current economic expansion" and accused the financial markets of overreacting.

Personal income rose 1.3 per cent in February and personal consumption was up 1 per cent.

Anthony Harris, page 24



Greenspan: on alert



BARRY GREENWOOD

Tom Smail, managing director of Vymura, hopes one of the busiest weekends in do-it-yourself will boost next month's planned flotation

Queens Moat rejects US offer for French hotels

BY CARL MORTISHED

■ The hotels group is expected to announce financial results next week, more than a year after its shares were suspended to allow debt restructuring

QUEENS Moat Houses, the distressed hotels group, has rejected an American offer to buy its heavily indebted French hotels for a nominal sum, in spite of coming under intense pressure from lenders in France to secure a quick sale.

The news comes almost a year after shares in Queens Moat were suspended. The company, in the throes of £1.3 billion debt restructuring talks with senior bankers in Britain, is expected to announce financial results next week.

HI Developments, a Florida private hotel group, made an approach to Queens Moat earlier this year with an offer for the eight French hotels. According to sources in the industry, the offer was rejected outright by Queen's Moat directors. It is believed that HID's proposal involved the purchase of the hotels for a nominal sum of Frl in exchange for taking over the French mortgage debt.

The American hotel group had previously owned the French hotels, which include three- and four-star Holiday Inns in Lyon, Nice, Paris, Strasbourg and Toulouse. In 1990, John Bairstow, then chairman of Queens Moat, launched a major drive into Europe and, in August that year, took over the eight-strong French chain with the acquisition of HI Management for £78 million.

HI Development, based in Tampa, is owned by David Callan and his family. The company owns 99 hotels worldwide and has set its sights on expansion in Europe. Two years ago, it acquired 14 Alliance hotels in France and converted seven into Holiday Inns.

According to Queens Moat, now headed by Andrew Coppel, chief executive, and Andrew Le Poidevin, finance director, there have been numerous approaches by interested buyers but no worthwhile offers.

The French hotels are believed to be financed in part by crédit-bail, a form of tax-efficient leasing. A pool of lenders including Fidei, a subsidiary of AXA, the insurance group, have acquired the debts. However, there is also thought be corporate debt to the French subsidiary, and inter-company debt owing to Queens Moat in the UK.

Under a crédit-bail, lenders have excellent security as the property is owned by the financier and leased to the hotel operator. However, both the principal and interest paid in rent is tax deductible.

According to industry sources, HI Developments was recently approached by a French lender regarding the transfer of a Holiday Inn, also for Frl, if the American company would take on the liabilities. HID was unable to pursue the discussions due to its previous confidential talks with Queens Moat.

A sale by the French lenders of the hotels to a third party might have serious consequences for Queens Moat due to the inter-company loans. But Queens Moat denied that the French lenders were considering taking possession of the properties.

Continuing recession across the Channel has hurt the French leisure industry and depressed the market for hotels, many of which were financed at high rates of interest during the boom.

Last Thursday, Queens Moat's debenture holders agreed to extend a waiver on their entitlement to added security on their loans for another three months. Their agreement gives the company more time to work out a final restructuring plan. Queens Moat investors have been patient but will be aware that last Thursday was the first anniversary of the suspension of share dealings.

Vymura prepares for £40m flotation

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

VYMURA, the leading manufacturer of wallcoverings, will be hoping to emerge with positive news from one of the year's busiest weekends for the do-it-yourself market as it embarks on an institutional road show ahead of a proposed flotation.

Vymura is looking to issue a new type of paper in the City next month, with the group likely to be capitalised at about £40 million through its stock market flotation.

This comes when many of the main players in the £7 billion a year DIY market are struggling in the face of continuing price competition. B&Q, the market leader, has performed well after the launch of its Key DIY campaign last year, but both Texas and Do It All are in the throes of strategic reviews.

Vymura, which is one of the best known names in the decorating industry, is currently owned by managers and a consortium of institutional investors after a £14 million management buyout in June 1992. Four senior managers own about half of the shares, with the balance held by venture capitalists including Barclays Development Capital, 3i Group and Prudential Venture Managers.

Tom Smail, managing director, said that Vymura will be issuing new ordinary shares in order to repay debt, redeem preference shares and fund investment and future growth.

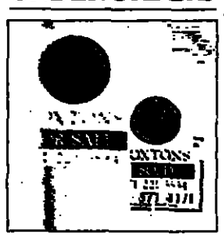
Vymura originally formed part of ICI's paints division and in the 1960s invented paper-backed vinyl wallcovering, thus creating the Vymura brand name. Vymura claims a market share of about 14 per cent of the UK domestic wallcoverings market by value.

Vymura made operating profits of £3.96 million in 1993, on turnover of £38.3 million. Barclays de Zoete Wedd and UBS are the company's financial adviser and stockbroker respectively.

BUSINESS EDITOR
Robert Ballantyne

WEEKEND MONEY

UNDER ORDERS

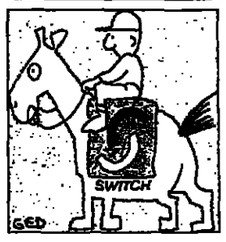


The Easter weekend marks the traditional start of the house hunting season. Is recovery really under way this time?
Page 25

PULLED UP

Life becomes more expensive for millions of taxpayers next week when tough new tax laws come into force
Page 31

BETTING FORM



Debit card betting on the telephone is the latest thing for the state-of-the-art Grand National punter
Page 29

BUYING TIPS

How to tackle the mortgage maze and tickle the house hunter's fancy. Buying and selling made easy
Pages 26, 27

Euro Disney creditors given rescue deadline

FROM REUTER IN PARIS

EURO DISNEY creditors have been given until April 15 to reach unanimous agreement over a rescue package outlined by the company and Walt Disney, its parent, last month.

The deadline was set by a committee of creditor banks as efforts were stepped up to consolidate support from bankers for a proposed Fr6 billion rights issue to reduce the theme park's Fr21 billion of debt.

There is growing concern among bankers associated with the refinancing over the underwriting of the share issue, with senior secured members claiming they are being asked to bear too much of the burden.

The banks are still negotiating who underwrites the rights issue — and carries equity risk — and what amounts would be paid out from the issue.

Under the current plan, banks are being asked to underwrite the 51 per cent of the rights issue not taken up by Walt Disney. The plan proposes that underwriters receive underwriting fees and that their loans are prepaid in proportion to their underwriting amount. Some senior lenders say a respect for rankings should apply and prepayment amounts should not be tied to the underwriting, since this is already covered by the underwriting fees.

Royal Life warns of mortgage shortfall

BY ROSE WILD, PERSONAL FINANCE EDITOR

FRESH concerns about the safety of endowment mortgages have been raised by Royal Life's decision to warn thousands of borrowers that their endowment policies may never generate enough income to repay their mortgage debt.

In what it describes as "a customer relations exercise" Royal Life is notifying 24,143 holders of certain low-cost endowment policies that cuts in the company's bonus rates in 1993 and 1994 may lead to a shortfall in the final payout. The relevant policies were taken out in 1991 and 1992, with maturity rates of between 22 and 30 years. The announcement is bound to cause consternation among policyholders, but the company says it is not recommending any immediate rise in premiums, and suggests that those who are worried should contact their financial adviser or ring a telephone help line.

Life companies have been warning over the last two years that increasing premiums on endowment policies may become necessary in the current low interest rate environment, but Royal Life is the first insurer to identify problems with its long-term policies. In 1993, Guardian Royal Exchange wrote to about 2,000 holders of ten-year low-cost endowment policies to warn of a potential shortfall in covering their loans.

Consumers adopt 'pay as you go' attitude

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

CONSUMERS are turning away from the "buy now, pay later" mentality of the 1980s, with fewer people holding credit cards and those who do using them more carefully.

The proportion of adults holding credit cards in Britain last year fell to 31 per cent from a peak of 34 per cent in 1989, according to a joint study by The Financial Research Survey and NOP, the leading pollsters.

While those people holding cards are using them more, most choose to pay back the full amount borrowed each month, and therefore do not incur interest charges. The survey found that 61 per cent of cardholders paid back in full each month, compared with 53 per cent who did so in 1989.

Amanda Watkins, of NOP Corporate & Financial, said that consumers were uneasy about taking on debt after being badly burnt in the credit boom of the 1980s. The new "pay as you go" attitude is also reflected in the sharp rise in the use of debit cards among those who have given up their credit cards. Debit cards debit money from a customer's bank account three days after purchase. She also attributed the decline in the use of credit cards to the introduction of charges.

Lloyds Bank was the first to impose a fixed charge of £12 a year and it was followed by most of the other leading card companies.

But it is not just consumers who are becoming more careful. The card companies are also being more selective about those to whom they issue cards, particularly among the young. The proportion of 18- to 24-year-olds owning a card has fallen from 22 to 13 per cent in the past four years.

Barclaycard, Britain's biggest credit card company with nearly nine million cardholders, is nevertheless bullish about its prospects. It said that both use of its card by existing customers and applications for new cards were running at record levels.

It said: "We have seen our market share increase to over 34 per cent in the last two years as a result of offering additional free benefits, such as discounts on new Ford cars and purchase protection. Around 50 per cent of Barclaycard holders pay off their account in full and therefore pay no interest, and card usage is at its highest level ever."

Free Video and Economist Survey.†

Invest in Latin America with the new

Aztec

Fund.

Stockmarket Growth since 1990*	
Chile	up 464%
Argentina	up 346%
Mexico	up 416%
Venezuela	up 602%
Colombia	up 1017%
Brazil	up 170%

These staggering figures illustrate the surge in confidence that's powering Latin America's economic renaissance. Falling inflation and a new spirit of political maturity suggest the best outlook in living memory. Harness this spectacular growth potential with the new Aztec Fund - managed by our spanish speaking Latin American specialists.

Fixed price offer closes April 29th 1994 - Freecall 0500 626226

TO: Singer & Friedlander Investment Funds Ltd., FREEPOST KEB569, London EC2B 2SF. Please send me full details of the Singer & Friedlander Aztec Fund including the Economist Latin America Survey. I do/do not* wish the VHS video to be included* (*please delete as applicable). Please print clearly.

Name ..... TT 2.4.94

Address .....

.....

Postcode .....

Singer & Friedlander Investment Funds

† Offer subject to availability *Source: Micropal, 1/1/90 to 1/3/94. Sterling performance. The value of Shares and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. Changes in exchange rates may also affect the value.

Issued by Singer & Friedlander Investment Funds Ltd, 21 New Street, London EC2M 4HR. Member of IMRO.

Gas: time for Sir Bryan Carsberg to explain

Last Saturday's disclosure in *The Times* that the Office of Fair Trading, led by Sir Bryan Carsberg, permitted a clutch of obscure private companies, linked to United Gas, a major independent gas supplier, to take advantage of the UK gas release programme — designed to encourage new entrants into the industrial gas market — has provoked ever widening ripples.

Under the gas release scheme, set up (in the name of competition) in 1992, British Gas was urged to make substantial quantities of gas — priced at a small "admin" premium over the weighted average cost — available to independent suppliers during 1992-97.

Invitations to tender for last year's "second round" stipulated that tenders would not be eligible for acceptance unless the company was a new entrant and not an affiliate of:

☐ An existing buyer;
☐ An assignee of another existing buyer; or
☐ Another new entrant.

The OFT's definition of an affiliate was a 50 per cent or more controlled subsidiary.

UtiliCorp United, a US utility combine based in Kansas City, Missouri, holds, via a series of UK offshoots, a 75 per cent stake in United Gas, the remaining 25 per cent being held by Norland Gas Marketing: a private enterprise whose directors include Sir Ian MacGregor, former chairman of British Steel, Peter Bryant, Roger Turner and Mark Conway — all directors of United Gas.

Enter, as applicants for second round gas, ten companies with bizarre names such as Dogstar, Encurium and Zealtry, all based in a terraced house at 25 Hestercombe Avenue, Fulham, London. Enquiries by *The Times* revealed that 37½ per cent of each company's equity was held by Norland, the remaining 62½ per cent being split between one or two directors — each with boardroom links to United Gas and/or Norland.

The OFT's rules did not prevent cross-directorships and the creation of the "Hestercombe Ten" is structured to leave individual directors, rather than Norland, in control.

United Gas has forged key links with six of the UK's regional electricity companies involving the creation of joint venture enterprises such as Caledonian Gas (in conjunction with Scottish Power) and E Gas (Eastern Electricity). United Gas holds a common 25 per cent interest in six joint ventures, while the RECs hold 75 per cent.

It is estimated that, under the gas release programme, the six United Gas/REC joint ventures received a two round total of 101 million therms which, added to United Gas's estimated 17.8 million therm quota, totals 118.8 million therms. This figure would appear to have been indirectly expanded by the near 14.3 million therms understood to have been allocated to the "Hestercombe Ten".



MELVYN MARCKUS

Peter Bryant, a director of Norland, deputy chairman of United Gas and a director and shareholder in Airpoint, Carmake, Dogstar and Zealtry, reiterated last week that the Hestercombe applications "were openly submitted to officials at the Office of Fair Trading and approved". He adds: "The OFT has repeatedly confirmed that applications from firms with common ownership were within the rules, provided that the common owners did not hold over 50 per cent of each firm's shares."

Quite how the OFT's rulings equate with encouraging "new entrants" into the industrial gas market is, however, a moot point.

Responsibility for regulation of the 1994-95 gas release has been shifted to Ofgas which, under the reign of former Director-General Sir James McKinnon, is open to criticism in view of its role as a consultant to the OFT.

Clare Spottiswoode, McKinnon's successor at Ofgas, responded bluntly to the Hestercombe controversy. "We don't approve of this behaviour whether or not it is within the rules. In future we will be looking to license responsible players."

Cedric Brown, chief executive of British Gas, found the affair "most disturbing". Brown was quick to draw attention to the Government's plans to open up the domestic market to full competition. In his words: "We hope the Government and the regulatory authorities will ensure the rules are tightly drawn and observed. Safety of supply to domestic customers is too important for risks to be taken."

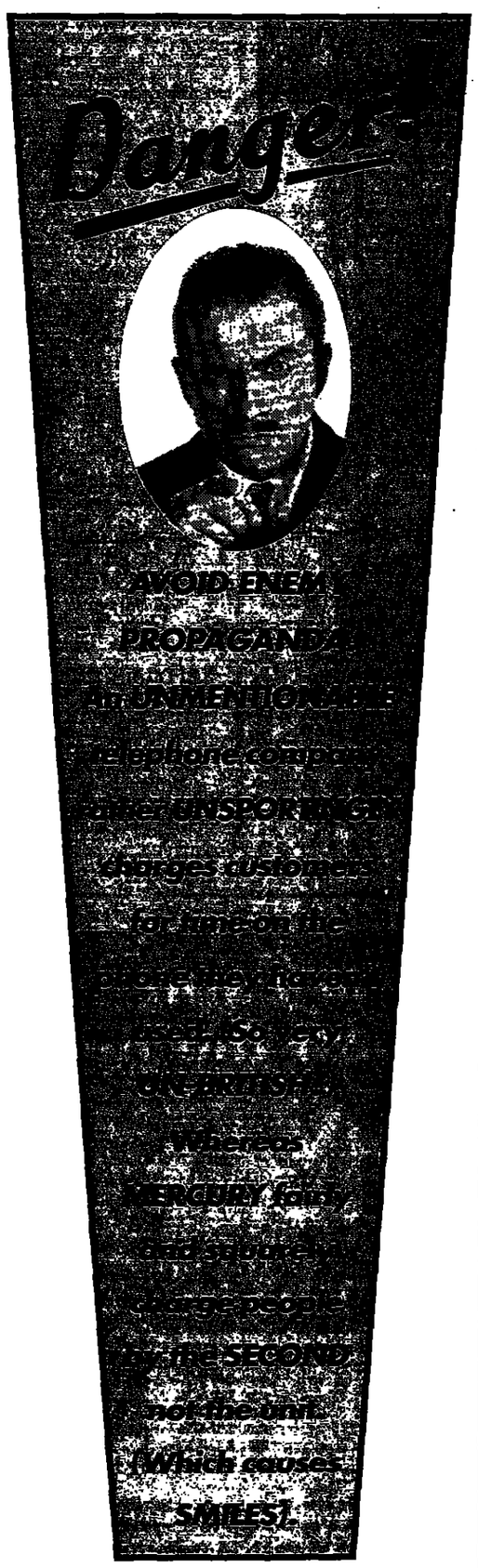
Tuesday heralded a gas industry debate in the Upper House where Lord Peston spoke of "the extraordinary story that we heard about in *The Times*". I quote: "If the story is true, and I normally assume that such things in a newspaper of that quality are true, then, to say the least, some rather dubious activities have taken place." Ms Spottiswoode's blunt words failed to save her. Lord Peston warmed to his theme: "I am not just concerned about the article in *The Times*, but also about the response of the current Director-General of Ofgas which, to say the least, is a bit lily-livered when it comes to looking at this matter. I hold the new DG in the highest of esteem, but a DG has to be tough, especially when it comes to the misuse of ways of entering the market. I should not like to see similar misuse when we come to entry into the domestic market."

I appreciate Lord Peston's sentiments but, digging deep in search of chivalry, would argue that the words lily-livered might be better directed towards certain other players in the "gas release" farce. Ms Spottiswoode has admitted that many of last year's 70 new applicants involved "multiple applications" or emanated from "stags" and has promised tighter rules.

What is deafening is the silence from Sir Bryan Carsberg, who joined the OFT in the summer of 1992, his predecessor Sir Gordon Borrie and Sir James McKinnon, the behind the scenes Einstein who, having presided over Ofgas's interrelationship with the OFT, has now chosen to lend his services to Calor.

AT&T to create 150 jobs

AT&T, the US electronics giant, announced a £15 million investment in Scotland yesterday, which will create 150 jobs. The money is to be split between the company's Tayside and Fife factories. AT&T acquired the National Cash Register company in 1991 and is to upgrade the former NCR facilities in Dundee in a £6.6 million refurbishment programme. A further £9 million has been earmarked for a new plant in Dunfermline, which will replace the existing Inverkeithing operation and lead to up to new 150 jobs.





Airbus concedes defeat over $6bn Saudi deal

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

■ Saudia, the Saudi Arabian airline, will finally decide on May 1 which aircraft it will buy with the $6.2 billion that the US Export-Import Bank is making available

AIRBUS Industrie, the European civil aircraft consortium that includes British Aerospace (BAe), has conceded that it has abandoned all hope of stealing away part of a $6 billion Saudi order from Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, its American rivals

Fearful for jobs in the European aircraft industry, Deutsche Aerospace (DASA), the German member of Airbus, last month appealed to Chancellor Kohl to intervene to try to secure some of the order from Saudia, the Saudi Arabian national carrier, for at least 50 aircraft.

Jürgen Schrempp, the DASA chairman, assured Herr Kohl that the door was still open for Airbus, even though President Clinton appeared to have sewn up the deal with Riyadh in February when Saudia agreed to order American aircraft.

Reports from the Gulf yesterday indicated that the American deal was set to go through with no Airbus interference. Industry sources said Saudia had set May 1 as the target date for choosing which aircraft to buy with the $6.2 billion the US Export-Import Bank in making available.

The financing facility is the largest the bank has ever offered and underlines the Clinton Administration's determination to secure jobs for America's aircraft industry.

Boeing and McDonnell Douglas representatives have been in Jeddah for the past two weeks for discussions with Saudia about its detailed requirements, delivery schedules and financing arrangements.

A spokesman for Airbus in Toulouse dismissed the notion that the Saudia door was still open. "There is no reason to believe Airbus has anything to gain from this [Saudia deal]."

With oil prices near their lowest for five years, the US financing deal is all-important for Saudi Arabia, as it will allow Saudia to buy the aircraft without putting fresh strains on the national budget.

Riyadh is expected to pay only 15 per cent of the aircraft deal, with the US Export-Import Bank guaranteeing the remainder. Saudia wants deliveries to start in 1997 and run until 2002, with another ten years until final payments fall due. In year one, the Saudi payment is expected to be $750 million.

The airline is expected to make an initial order for at least ten Boeing 747-400s, with options on another ten. It is also interested in Boeings 767s and 777s. McDonnell Douglas and Boeing are competing for orders for ten to 15 300-seat aircraft and 25 to 30 jets that seat 150 for domestic and short-range regional flights.

Both firms are also competing in a shorter range class, with Boeing offering its 737 and McDonnell Douglas its twin-engine MD-90.

Airbus, which groups BAe, DASA, Aerospatiale of France and CASA of Spain, has about 30 per cent of the world market for commercial airliners. The Saudia order would have given a important boost to the consortium's challenge to its US rivals.



Mickey Kantor found no basis for reopening talks

US renews attack on Tokyo surplus

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

JAPAN has given a measured response to an American attack on its trade policies in a report from the office of Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative. Although officials in Japan retained an outward calm over the US report, some Japanese business leaders were clearly angered by Washington's fresh assault.

The US report on barriers to foreign trade, which dedicates 43 pages to Japan, said barriers there to imports of manufactured goods and services far exceeded the barriers of other Group of Seven nations.

The report provides a legal basis for Washington to sanction countries unless they remove offending barriers by the end of September.

Japan's latest package of measures, unveiled last Tuesday, to boost the economy, open markets and reduce the trade surplus, met with US rejection as inadequate to justify resuming the stalled talks on trade. The report highlights America's main concerns, ranging from access to the telecommunications market to public procurement and cars.

Hiroshi Kumagai, trade minister, said Japan hoped to resolve trade differences through negotiations, and that unilateral sanctions would scuttle such efforts.

Malaysian bank governor resigns

BY OUR WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

DISASTROUS foreign exchange losses by Bank Negara, the Malaysian central bank, have forced Jaffar Hussein, its long-standing governor, to leave office prematurely.

Anwar Ibrahim, the deputy prime minister and finance minister, announced the governor's resignation yesterday, only a day after Mr Jaffar revealed that the central bank had lost 15 billion ringgit, or $5.6 billion, over the past two years, mainly due to the pound being forced out of the European exchange-rate mechanism in September 1992.

Last year, the bank lost 5.7 billion ringgit, or $2.3 billion, as it unwound long positions taken the year before. It also had to suffer the indignity of reporting its first operating loss. The losses technically make the central bank insolvent, and it has only been kept afloat by firm backing from the finance ministry.

The bank maintains that it still has a strong balance sheet, after a large rise in total assets last year to more than 100 billion ringgit. But the institution has won a reputation, which it is unlikely to lose for some time, for being one of the most aggressive gamblers on the foreign exchange markets.

Trouble at the central bank has further embarrassed the Malaysian government, which has been seeking to limit the damage of the Pergau Dam affair.

Mr Anwar said the government had accepted Mr Jaffar's request to take early retirement from May 1. The central banker, 63, a former partner in Price Waterhouse, the accountancy group, had been due to retire next year. He has been governor since 1985.

Mr Jaffar said on Thursday that an "unfortunate chapter" in the bank's history had now been closed, but Lim Kit Siang, opposition leader in the Malaysian parliament, yesterday said that the losses "must rank as the greatest financial scandal in Malaysian history".

Mr Lim called for the resignation of Mr Anwar and demanded that a commission of enquiry should be set up to investigate the losses.

Hedge fund loses $1bn

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

FRESH evidence of the volatility that can be triggered by the liquidation of hedge funds came yesterday when one of New York's biggest funds admitted it had lost $1 billion in the first three months of this year.

Michael Steinhardt's Steinhardt Management Company, which operates five hedge funds and two other funds separately managed, liquidated an estimated $4 billion in share positions last month and foreign bond holdings estimated at $30 billion. He also closed lossmaking currency positions.

The ease with which the hedge funds have been able to borrow large amounts of money has allowed them to lever their assets up to 20 times. At the start of the year, Mr Steinhardt could have geared up his $4.9 billion of money under management to $90 billion.

Authorities in Britain and America have expressed deep concern that these funds now have the power to move markets and can have a destabilising effect when a bet on a bond, share or currency goes the wrong way.

The hedge funds were largely blamed for the massive fall in international bond markets over the last two months, but Mr Steinhardt says he was not involved in the continued sell-off of US Treasury Bonds where his last major position was held last September.

However, he did have a highly geared position in non-US bonds, which would have made or lost him between $6 million and $7 million for each one hundredth of a percentage point move in its yield.

The volatility of hedge funds was demonstrated in February when George Soros lost about $600 million when the yen jumped suddenly against the dollar.

The $600 million — lost in a single day — was higher than any single-day gain when he was speculating against the pound in 1992. Mr Soros's Quantum Fund has had enormous losses this year in the yen and Japanese bond and Eurobond markets.

Westpac sued over insurance deal

BY PATRICIA TEHAN AND ROBERT MILLER

A BUSINESSMAN is suing Westpac Bank for damages of up to £11 million, claiming the bank failed to honour an agreement to recommend him as its preferred insurance broker to commercial and domestic loan clients.

David Shotton is making his claim for damages in a counterclaim in defence against proceedings commenced against him by Westpac for repayment of a £94,000 loan.

Westpac said: "As the matter is subject to litigation proceedings we are unable to comment. We believe there is no foundation for Mr Shotton's claims and we will be contesting them vigorously."

Earlier this month, a High Court judge gave Westpac four weeks in which to hand over documents relevant to the case. These include notes on budget and weekly meetings as well as loan files.

The action relates to an agreement between Mr Shotton and Westpac General Finance in 1987 that he was to be preferred insurance broker to customers applying for a loan through Chiselhurst Insurance Consultants (CIC), his life assurance company, and London and South Eastern General Insurance Consultants (LSE), his general insurance company.

Mr Shotton's counterclaim alleges that representations were made to him which led him to understand that within two years his companies would receive the whole of Westpac General Finance's insurance business. As a result, he said in 1990 he took out the £94,000 loan "to keep the businesses afloat, to gear up and bring up the company's image".

However, he said the value of the business he received from Westpac in three-and-a-half years only reached £60,000. Some policies were cancelled and Mr Shotton was forced to repay commission. He alleges that Westpac did not repay its share.

Westpac called in the loan in 1991 and, when it was not repaid, started proceedings against Mr Shotton.

Heron chases deferment

BANKERS to Heron International will next week resume attempts to bring together enough bondholders to allow interest payments to be deferred (Martin Waller writes).

Heron has denied claims by Gary Klesch, who speaks for a group of disaffected bondholders, that the group has just five days following Thursday's farcical bondholders' meeting to find the necessary £16.5 million of interest or reach agreement on deferring payment.

"We're technically in default, but because none of the creditors have demanded payment we will continue to trade normally," said a spokeswoman for the company yesterday.

Last Thursday, the bondholders' meeting, called to agree a deferment of the interest payments, was inquorate and broke up.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

"In my opinion, the Treasury has tended to underestimate the effects of recovery on public finances. And it could be that the decline in public-sector borrowing might be rather faster than in the Treasury's budget report..."

Kenneth Clarke, interviewed by David Smith — Business, The Sunday Times tomorrow

INVEST IN ASIA

For further details ring our free Moneyline now, on

0800 282 101

SAVE & PROSPER
THE INVESTMENT HOUSE

هكذا من الأصل

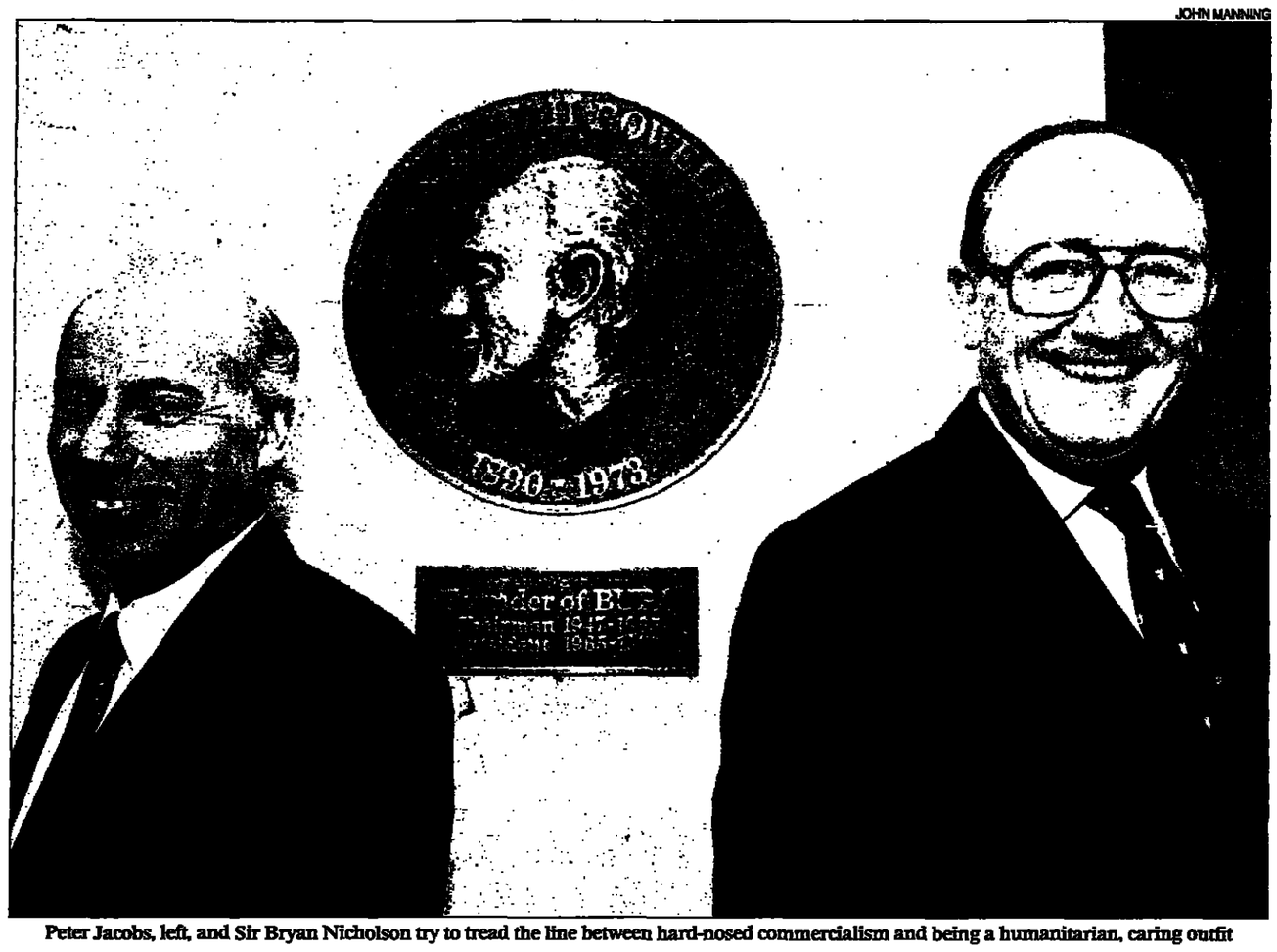
LIBRARY
SERIALS No. 87463
CLASS
DATE 14 DEC 1994

BUPA: Sir Bryan Nicholson and Peter Jacobs

Prescribing a run of healthy profits

partners in power

Sarah Bagnall profiles the two men at the head of Britain's largest private health insurer


JOHN MANNING

Peter Jacobs, left, and Sir Bryan Nicholson try to treat the line between hard-nosed commercialism and being a humanitarian, caring outfit

Imagine running a company with no dividend-hungry shareholders or myopic institutional investors breathing down your neck, and making profits not to line the pockets of City fat cats or your own family empire but for the benefit of your customers. It all sounds rather quaint and unreal, but this is the story of Bupa, Britain's largest private medical insurer.

Bupa, which started life as British United Provident Association, provides private health cover to nearly three million people. Mainly UK-based, where it runs 30 hospitals with 1,800 beds and owns 30 health screening clinics, it has had a turbulent history. In the past, its management team has found it hard to get the right balance between commercial reality and moral idealism. Competition has intensified, whittling away its market share from more than 70 per cent to 44 per cent, and its history is peppered with violent swings from profit to loss and then back again.

In 1990, the insurer made a loss of £38.2 million; since then it has clawed its way back into the black with profits of £1.3 million in 1991, £36.5 million in 1992 and last week's announcement of profits of £41.2 million in 1993. If the two men running Bupa are anything to go by, this turnround is likely to be permanent.

Sir Bryan Nicholson, chairman, and Peter Jacobs, chief executive, make an interesting team. Nicholson, 61, had a grammar school education after which he read PPE at Oxford University. He worked in the corporate world for 30 years, ending up as chairman of Rank Xerox (UK), then switched to government quangos including stints as chairman of the Manpower Services Commission and *chairman and chief executive* at the Post Office — a job he started 80 years after his father left school, at 13, to become a telegram messenger.

Jacobs, 51, is another product of a grammar school education. He reached Bupa after a long career in the food industry during which he rose to become sales director at Mars, chief executive at Berisford International and chairman at its main subsidiary British Sugar. He worked himself out of a job at Berisford as most of the assets were sold in an attempt to restore its battered fortunes. This left little for Jacobs to manage and he resigned.

He swiftly moved to Bupa and shortly afterwards Nicholson came on board. Nicholson recalls their first meeting at a private dinner with Lord Wigoder, then chairman at Bupa. "I was expecting a very upfront, very direct person and that's what I found," remembers Nicholson.

"I wanted to check there was enough where we agreed and enough where we had a bit of grit to get things moving." One concern Nicholson had was that he had been a chief executive for 25 years and Jacobs might be worried that he would encroach on the role. He swore "on a stack of Bibles" that he wouldn't even back-seat drive. "But I went too far and over-compensated in the first nine months so that Peter had to say 'I don't mind you being more hands on'."

While Nicholson comes across as easy-going and friendly, first impressions of Jacobs are of a blunt, plain-speaking man with a piercing look. Nicholson says these impressions are right but they are not disadvantageous. "People often make the mistake of thinking plain speaking and upfront people have closed minds to other ideas. But that's not the case. Peter is extremely open and a very good listener."

There is little doubt that Jacobs is a formidable character. He arrived at Bupa when it was haemorrhaging losses and he swiftly and adeptly tied a tourniquet round the health insurance division. "He doesn't pussyfoot around," says Nicholson, adding that he admired "Peter's capacity in a situation of some danger and difficulty to act promptly and get a whole series of executive decisions essentially right".

This he says is because Jacobs "is tougher than the average" and "much more direct in confronting an issue or an individual". This immediately brings to mind last month's surprise departure of Arthur Large, recruited by Jacobs from the RAC to head up Bupa's drive to increase its flagging membership. Perhaps as a result of the same thought, Nicholson says: "Once he has reached a conclusion that somebody is not up to the job then an amicable parting is arranged quickly."

Nicholson says his own style is more conciliatory while Jacobs is more impatient.

But despite their starkly contrasting personalities Nicholson believes their backgrounds bind them together. Nicholson is a North-Country Methodist while Jacobs is a Glaswegian Jew. Both are lapsed but Nicholson thinks that having been immersed in a way of thinking during their formative years means they have common shared values. Both religions place great store on education, making the most of one's ability and have a strong belief that the better off should repay society for the benefits society afforded them.

"I'm a very strong believer that those of us who have been fortunate enough to rise through whatever system of hierarchy should put something back. We have lots of privileges and I think we should have the responsibilities that go with them," he says.

In recognition of his many activities outside the office, Nicholson was knighted in 1987 but the "Sir" does not rest easily and he prefers first name terms. But it does not always work: at the Manpower Services Commission he said "please call me Nick". "Yes chairman," came the answer. Nicholson has three names: Bryan, which his colleagues at Bupa call him; Nick, which his friends and family call him; and Sir Bryan, which strangers call him.

The "humanitarian aspect" of Nicholson's character is what Jacobs says he found attractive when he first considered him for the job. Nicholson is deeply involved in a string of worthy activities that reads like a shopping list. He has a penchant for training and women's issues, and is a member or chairman of a plethora of organisations, including children's homes, and campaigns on solvent abuse, women's employment and race relations.

"This humanitarian aspect is important for Bupa because we have to tread the line between being a hard-nosed commercial operation and a humanitarian, caring outfit," explains Jacobs.

He remembers checking Nicholson out before they met and discovered he had a reputation as a highly proficient operator augmented with a very varied and interesting background. Jacobs says this broad experience has paid off "because he has met most situations before and as a result he is an extremely good sounding board".

Having worked in quasi-government roles for many years Nicholson has a good political understanding, an important aspect of Bupa's activities as it tries to work with the National Health Service in providing healthcare. Jacobs thinks that collaboration with the NHS will become increasingly important as "the Government, which is exceedingly strapped for cash, finds it can't keep up with demand".

During the 18 months they have worked together, Jacobs says other qualities have emerged. Nicholson is adept at running meetings to a tight timetable, whereas Jacobs is more likely to let them overrun, and Nicholson is skilled at bringing about a consensus and getting to the core of issues quickly. He has a touch of the bureaucrat in him and a formidable memory.

"He never forgets a thing," asserts Jacobs. As a result, Jacobs says he can't conveniently forget things. "If I'm not to keen to do something I can't just shelve it and hope it will go away, it will come back regularly," Jacobs says.

In spite of Nicholson's formidable memory, the two men have different recollections of their first meeting and Jacobs is adamant that his version is right. "It was at a City lunch, where I got into an argument with Ken Clarke," recollects Jacobs. The ménage à trois came later and if Nicholson says otherwise "well, he's remembered it wrong," states Jacobs.

Such a statement reveals Jacobs' self-confessed plain-speaking manner. "I'm a particularly direct individual. Bryan introduces an element of subtlety I might not bother with. He tempers and softens the approach to some issues. Basically he's a good politician," he says.

The conciliatory characteristic to which he refers must have emerged in recent years since, in the early 1980s, Nicholson earned a reputation for directness. He attacked British management, top to bottom, as being "a bunch of thickies" and said every company should have a "sex watcher" to ensure women were free from harassment at work.

Below Nicholson's bluff, friendly, exterior lies a formidable man. Jacobs says of him: "He is more easy-going than I am — up to a point. Basically, he has got a longer fuse but with a bigger bomb at the end of it." There has been only one potentially explosive situation when Jacobs had what he refers to as an "emotional outburst".

Something in a board meeting irritated him so he stormed into Nicholson's office and let rip. "He annoyingly and rather boringly argued the contrary case and explained it wasn't as bad as it seemed. He didn't rise to it. He doesn't rise to the occasion in the way that I will," Jacobs says, then adding the warning "but you're probably better off crossing me than you are crossing Bryan".

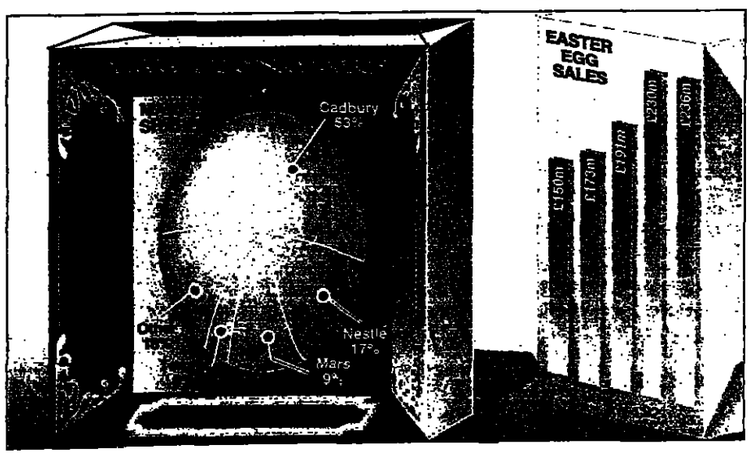
Both men are keen tennis players — but they have never played each other. "We need to establish who would win first," says Jacobs with a twinkle in his eyes, which swiftly turns into laughter as he follows with: "We wouldn't play if I thought he might win."

Jacobs' keen sense of humour was put to the test last September when someone managed to change Bupa's after-hours answering machine message so that callers were told: "Sorry we've gone bust." However, Jacobs said he found it funny and rather innovative.

Both men enjoy the social responsibility that they believe is a crucial element of running Bupa. And though they flirted with the idea of flotation last year, in the end they decided they would rather remain beyond the reach of the City. As Jacobs says: "Frankly you can do without institutions and shareholders and live quite happily."

TEMPUS

A taste of cold Turkey in the City



WITH the first quarter of the year now past, and the dawn of a new tax year approaching, investors will feel the need to reflect on a bruising time in the stock market so far in 1994.

The year started out in splendid fashion, with shares rising steadily throughout January and the FT-SE 100 index reaching an all-time high of 3,520 on February 3. But the market turned swiftly once the implications of the American interest rates rise sank in and has since fallen 12 per cent.

Investors must wait anxiously to see if the market can stabilise and establish a trading range around the 3,100 level. Fundamentals suggest so. Corporate earnings are rising and dividend yields are again looking attractive compared with the base rate. But fundamentals failed to prevent the market becoming wildly overbought in the early weeks of the year, so there is no guarantee they can stop it being oversold.

If Wall Street falls again and political and economic uncertainty continues at home, the FT-SE 100 index could drop to around 2,850, the middle of a trading range it occupied until last August. The next two weeks should prove crucial.

Just as the market has turned abruptly, so have the fashions within it. According to statistics from Datastream, the financial information provider, bank stocks which raced ahead in 1993 have plummeted in recent weeks. The bank sector is 18 per cent lower, partly driven by the fall in HSBC's shares in Hong Kong and partly from disappointment at the rate of recovery.

The best performing sectors have been dominated by special situations. Printing and paper comes top, owing to the recovery in Arjo Wiggins' shares. Engineering is next, thanks to British Aerospace and its sale of Rover. Third is media, spurred on by the frenzied bid activity in the world of television.

So it is difficult to see any obvious safe havens in the market, although smaller and mid-sized company shares have held up better than FT-SE constituents, because they were not pushed as high. The FT-SE Small Cap index is actually up 3.6 per cent in the quarter.

Investors who feel hard done by this Easter can at least console themselves that they do not live in Hong Kong, where the market has fallen 24 per cent.

In Turkey, their mood could be suicidal, since a speculative bubble of mammoth proportions has finally burst, and the market has more than halved.

Property floats

ROLL up, roll up for the great property share sale! The hucksters in the City's merchant banks and stockbrokers were heard far and wide at the start of the year as a plethora of property groups planned their maiden issues. After a year in which billions of pounds was poured into bricks and mortar by investors chasing high yields, the time seemed right to bring promising newcomers to the market. Financial institutions also saw it as an opportunity to refloat victims of the property crash.

Potential sponsors believed the market was ready, institutions having swallowed without protest wads of paper from property investment companies, weakened by a three-year slide in values. The market was valuing mediocre companies at premiums of 10 per cent or more to their net worth. Surely a blue-chip outfit such as Capital Shopping Centres could fetch an 11 per cent premium?

But the market had turned and no one noticed. Highly-paid merchant bankers and stockbrokers got the pricing wrong. The institutions, professionals in whom we entrust our life savings, bought the shares at 230p and saw them slide to 208p as dealings opened. Only one group was saved embarrassment: the much-maligned private investors who stayed away in droves and watched the public offer flop.

Easter eggs

AS Britain indulges in its annual orgy of chocoholism over the weekend, Easter egg manufacturers are celebrating the sure signs of economic recovery in their business. After suffering an unexpected downturn in 1993, the Easter egg market has returned to growth.

Cadbury, the undisputed market leader in Easter eggs, estimates that total sales have risen by about 6 per cent and may top the £250 million mark for the first time. Dieticians will be relieved that volumes are flat and growth has come from egg buyers trading up as the recession recedes. The growth has been achieved despite caution among manufacturers and retailers. Last year, sales in the shell egg market (as opposed to cream eggs) fell 4 per cent, which has made the whole industry wary about over-stocking.

Cadbury still appears to be taking market share from its rivals, thanks to the Creme Egg. Their sales are growing many times faster than shell eggs, rising 15 per cent to £80 million last year. With its new ranges, Cadbury hopes it has increased its 53 per cent market share even further this year, leaving Nestlé, its nearest competitor, trailing in the mid-teens.

But a good egg season does not guarantee a chocolate company's year. Easter comes a poor second to Christmas in the sweet-tooth calendar and it should be worth almost £600 million this year, a sixth of the entire chocolate market. While Thornton's profits should show an uptick from a successful Easter, Cadbury-Schweppes is so vast that it will hardly register the difference. With eggs in many baskets, its shares depend more on success in the American soft drinks industry

The Standard Life Assurance Company Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 168th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held in the Head Office, 3 George Street, Edinburgh, on Tuesday 26 April 1994 at 2.30pm.

The ordinary business of the meeting will include a resolution to appoint Price Waterhouse as auditors of the Company in place of the retiring auditors KPMG Peat Marwick. In addition to the ordinary business of the meeting, the following resolution will be proposed and, if thought fit, passed as a special resolution:

"That the regulations of the Company be and hereby are amended with effect from 27 April 1994:-

(a) by inserting after regulation 3:

'3A The provisions of subsection (2) of section 14 of the Act shall apply for the alteration, extension or modification of the objects and powers of the Company set forth in the regulations in like manner as they apply for the alteration of any other provision of the regulations.'; and

(b) by deleting paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 45 and substituting therefor:

'45(2) If the number of directors going out of office at any annual general meeting under regulation 45(1) is less than one-third of the directors for the time being, there shall also go out of office at the close, or adjournment under regulation 18, of that meeting such other director or directors as are necessary to bring the total number of directors going out of office at that time under this regulation 45 to one-third of the directors for the time being (or, if the number of directors is not three or an integral multiple of three, the number nearest to one-third); but if there is only one director, he shall retire. References in this paragraph to directors shall not include any director who is bound to retire under regulation 46(2).

45(3) The directors to retire at each annual general meeting under paragraph (2) of this regulation shall include, so far as necessary to obtain the number required, firstly, any director who wishes to retire and not offer himself for re-election, and secondly, those directors who have been longest in office since their last election. Two or more directors whose last election took place on the same date shall be regarded for the purposes of this regulation as having been elected alphabetically according to their respective surnames. The directors to retire under paragraph (2) of this regulation on each occasion (both as to number and identity) shall be determined by the composition of the board of directors at the close of business on the date to which the annual accounts and balance sheet laid before the annual general meeting are made up, and no director shall be required to retire, or be relieved from retiring, under paragraph (2) of this regulation by reason of any change in the number or identity of the directors after such time but before the close of the meeting.'"

A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and, on a poll, vote in place of the member. A proxy need not be a member.

By order of the Board of Directors
D.M. Simpson
Secretary

Edinburgh, 30 March 1994

Notes:

1. *Policyholders may obtain a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts, including the Agenda, by writing to the Customer Relations Department at 120 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5DY or by telephoning (031) 245 2030. Proxy forms may be similarly obtained by members entitled to vote.*

2. *The effects of the special resolution are:-*

(a) *To clarify the means by which the objects and powers of the Company may be amended, and*

(b) *To increase the number of directors who retire by rotation each year from three to one-third of the total.*

STANDARD LIFE

Europe's oil tax increases attacked by Opec

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN ABU DHABI

ENERGY taxes earn the European Union three times Opec's income from oil exports, and the gap could widen if the EU goes ahead with plans to impose new taxes, according to a study published by the Organisation of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (Opec).

Japan is also earning nearly twice Opec's revenues, the study says, but the increase in Japan's oil taxes over the past five years has been slower than that in Europe.

The report says EU oil taxes surged from $39.33 a barrel in 1988 to $49.43 in 1990 and $57.75 in 1992, raising the price per barrel to the end user from $71.01 to $92.23 and $96.80 in the period. "The increase in the EU taxes on oil imports was far higher than the increase in Opec's oil prices," the report said.

The price of Opec's basket of seven crudes rose from $14.24 in 1988 to $18.42 in 1992 but it remained nearly one third of the EU energy tax and one fifth the per-barrel price to end users.

The EU is already under fire by Gulf and other oil producers over its proposals to impose additional energy taxes with the aim of containing carbon dioxide emissions, blamed for global warming. The tax will start at $3, rising to $10 by the year 2,000 but it hinges largely on approval by other industrial states.

Gulf Arab nations, which produce one-fifth of the world's crude supplies, have attacked the proposed tax as a means to obtain additional revenue to tackle budget deficits. They fear that the tax will depress oil demand and their earnings, already down sharply because of weak crude prices.

The EU is the top oil client of the Gulf states, importing about 4.5 million barrels per day (bpd) from the region. It is followed by Japan, which receives about 2.6 million bpd and America which receives 2 million bpd.

Japan's energy taxes have also risen between 1988 and 1992 but more slowly than those in the EU. They increased from $25.32 to $30.47 but each barrel was sold to consumers at as much as $80.74 in 1988 and $96.28 in 1992, according to Opec.

America imposes the lowest taxes in the three groups, standing at $8.77 in 1988 and $12.30 in 1992. Prices to American consumers also remained low at $94.65 in 1988 and $42.30 in 1992.

The report showed that coal, seen by Opec as more polluting, was heavily subsidised in the EU with subsidies on coal production in Britain at $4.8 per barrel equivalent, $22.8 in Germany, $20.2 in Belgium, and $11.3 in Spain. In Japan, it was $22.8.

□ Oil traders fear the price of crude could test a five-year low of $12.90 a barrel, set on February 16, when the market reopens in London on Tuesday after the Easter break.

On Thursday, May futures for the benchmark Brent Blend traded little changed a few cents either side of $13.25 a barrel in the aftermath of Saudi Arabia's decision not to support a move by Opec to rein in production.

The Saudis' refusal to make such a cut meant that the best Opec could do was freeze the current production ceiling of 24.52 million barrels a day until the year's end.

The latest price falls have extended a 1993 decline from almost $20 a barrel attributed to Opec quota violations, high North Sea output and weak petroleum demand in a recession-hit global economy.



ANTHONY HARRIS

Goofy falls off a cliff on Wall St

When you were a child, you saw it a hundred times. Goofy (or perhaps Donald Duck, but never the streetwise mouse) is strolling along, humming to himself. He comes to the edge of a cliff — and just goes on strolling until he notices the void under his feet. Panic.

For the last month, Wall Street equities have played Goofy. When the Fed raised interest rates a quarter point, the bond market took fright. It was not comforted, as had been intended, by Alan Greenspan's claim that he was acting to head off any revival of inflation expectations. He had spoken the dreaded I-word and the bond bears, who had been sounding alarms every time any price anywhere went up, suddenly looked respectable. Long rates rose five times as much as short.

The equity market, however, went on humming its cheerful tune. The market offered its rationalisation, as it always does: higher growth would mean higher productivity, higher prices would restore margins, so the outlook for profits was actually better than before. Until a week ago; but then someone looked down, noticed that the gap between bond and equity yields was heading towards the ratios that spelt disaster in 1987. Panic set in. The market is now down more than 7 per cent from it peak, and some chartists expect it to fall as far again before it bounces.

It wasn't actually quite as simple as that. The trigger may have been the release of the Federal Open Market Committee minutes. If you thought that the FOMC had no secrets in these days of open policy-making openly explained, remember that decisions are still made by majority vote. Only the minutes expose minority thinking. This time they showed that several hard-liners had argued for a sharper increase in short-term rates to show that the Fed was serious; a quarter point, they surmised, would only inflame the bears. That now looks like good judgment: so the markets now fear that the Fed may get tougher.

But if the markets are walking in fear of the Fed, what is the Fed afraid of? US inflation is still drifting down, and now that commodity prices have topped out the only plausible sign of future inflation is the industrial boom in the old rust belt. However, this is a much-changed rust belt. Steel mills which used to look like something out of Chaplin's *Modern Times* are now world leaders in productivity; the once despised car industry has been learning Japanese.

In any case, the present surge will only be real inflation if it is sustained. The consensus forecast is that US growth will slow from its 7 per cent annual rate in the fourth quarter to 3 per cent or so; and even this may be a bit high, according to Philip Braverman of DKB. He pointed out in S&P's *Creditweek on Monday* that growth last year would probably have been 2.5 per cent or less, but for the spending burst provoked by hurricanes, earthquakes and fires. An accident, not a trend.

The latest figures show continued strength, with employment and working hours sharply up: but the US now faces a fiscal squeeze as well as higher rates. Braverman believes that demand will slow, and growth will struggle to reach 3 per cent. The Fed routinely over-reacts to the revival at the end of a recession, he says. Rates were pushed up sharply in the first stages of recovery after the recessions of 1971, 1976 and 1982. Each time they were cut again afterwards, to end up lower than their previous trough, and he expects the same again. Consensus growth or less, then?

There are many lessons here for the British investor. We, too, are deflating a modest recovery under the care of an over-cautious central bank: there is a high chance that both growth and inflation will be lower than forecast. In both countries the real outlook is uncertain, but unlike what you would suppose from the behaviour of the markets. In such circumstances, a contrarian strategy is nearly always right. Remember Goofy, though; perverse market trends usually persist far beyond the edge of the cliff — so far that you may be tempted to join the crowd just before the panic sets in.

Dismissed bank chief defends loss record

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

JEAN-YVES Haberer, Crédit Lyonnais's former chairman, has launched a vigorous defence of his stewardship at the loss-making French bank, which is the subject of an official probe.

M Haberer said the state-owned Crédit Lyonnais made proportionately smaller losses than banks such as Barclays and Citicorp, and said he had warned the finance minister in 1991 about the risk of a collapse in property prices, one of the main causes of the bank's losses.

France's centre-right government has been forced to rescue the bank after it disclosed a Fr6.9 billion loss for last year and the build-up of bad debt. On Wednesday, the cabinet ordered an enquiry in the management of the bank under M Haberer and removed him as director-general of Crédit National. He was sacked from Crédit Lyonnais last November.

M Haberer, appointed to Crédit Lyonnais by the socialist government in 1988, said that in autumn 1991 he told Pierre Bérégovoy, then finance minister and later prime minister, that the property price situation was unsustainable. M Haberer, who maintains that the socialist government urged him to foster economic expansion through lending, said the finance ministry only come to the conclusion that there was a problem in 1992.

European utility trust launched

BY MARTIN BARROW

THE first investment trust to focus specifically on European utility companies is to be launched by Johnson Fry Asset Managers. The Johnson Fry European Utilities Trust also claims to be one of the first income trusts to specialise in European shares.

The trust will focus on about 40 major companies with dominant positions in providing water, gas, electricity and communications. Shares will be offered to the public next month. The minimum investment will be £3,000 and the offer will be sponsored by Smith New Court.

The trust will have a split capital structure, comprising income shares and zero coupon preference shares, which should provide shareholders with an enhanced income. The starting yield is expected to be 6 per cent gross per annum.

Further opportunities will arise as European state-owned utilities are privatised.

Avis and Hertz gear up to take on holiday car brokers

■ **Competition in the car hire market has intensified as Avis and Hertz target the leisure sector at prices intended to take business from specialist brokers**

BY DEREK HARRIS

HOLIDAY car hire, currently dominated by two specialist car rental brokers, is seeing a competitive shake-up.

Tourist-based car rentals mainly linked to overseas package holidays are running at more than 1.5 million trips a year, with domestic tourism within Britain adding more.

The renters that have moved decisively into the holiday market are Avis and Hertz UK, an arm of the world's biggest car rental company. Both are aiming virtually to match the prices of the brokers, the privately-owned Holiday Autos, the market leader, and Unijet's Suncars.

Aidan O'Kelly, managing director of Hertz UK, said: "We aim to be market leader in this sector in three years." That implies Hertz taking at least a fifth of the market.

Avis is equally determined to carve out a substantial share of leisure markets. Litsa Constantinou, Avis Europe's business development manager for leisure, said: "We aim to be competitive in this market place, but there is a difference from a broking operation. Avis has direct control over quality and service."

Now Holiday Autos is about to launch a counter-attack by driving into the business market, aiming to offer the cheapest rentals. This comes as the car hire industry is looking for business rental rate rises after several years of recession-driven freeze.

The industry expects Holiday Autos to offer the deepest discounts yet seen in this much more lucrative sector. A new subsidiary, Business Autos, will launch its first assault in a matter of days. In the mainstream rentals market, Budget has, until recently, been the main discounter compared with big operators such as Avis, Hertz, EuroDollar and Europcar Interrent.

But Alamo Rent a Car, the latest American renter to move into the British market, has also been seizing a sizeable share by aggressive pricing.

To add a hire car element to package tours, Holiday Autos, acting as broker, seeks the best deal available from local renters at holiday destinations. It also deals with individual rental bookings.

Holiday Autos has a minimum weekly rental deal, but charges are about half the price of business rates.

Hertz for Spain is matching Holiday Autos rates in the leisure market, according to Mr O'Kelly. Hertz claims it is also setting the pace in the UK domestic market, with holiday-makers charged less than £20 a day for a seven-day booking.

Ian Foster, Hertz UK sales director, expects Business Autos to be very aggressive, but said the Holiday Autos operation had to build up distribution channels and its company name to achieve its success in the leisure market. He said: "They have to do the same thing in a different market."

Hertz is also fighting back. It employs attractive women with hand-held computers to patrol its drop-off parks.

When business executives return cars to airport drop-off points the women check fuel and mileage and then issue an immediate completed invoice, removing the need to check in at a more remote desk.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Lynn Fleming and Ian Foster of Hertz UK, which aims to be market leader

Hungary seeks Soviet £600m

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

HUNGARY, which yesterday became the first former Soviet bloc country to apply to join the European Union, is urgently trying to secure repayment by Russia of more than £600 million of debt outstanding from the Soviet era.

Post-communist governments in Hungary have sought to turn their country quickly into an open market economy, but have many legacies from the years when it was part of Comecon, the organisation that co-ordinated trade and production across Central and Eastern Europe.

The debt issue was high on the agenda for talks in Budapest over the past two days between Viktor Chernomyrdin, Russia's prime minister, and Peter Boross, his Hungarian counterpart. Both agreed that the debt question must be settled to allow bilateral trade to expand.

Despite refocusing on the West, Hungary has maintained trade links with Russia, traditionally its main supplier of energy. Trade between the two countries in 1993 is valued at £2.2 billion.

Russia, which took over most of the debt of the former Soviet Union, last year almost halved its debt with Hungary by giving Budapest 28 MiG-29 fighter aircraft. Options for settling the debt include Russia handing over property to Hungarian companies, or supplying machinery and armaments. Moscow's preference is to supply arms.

In London yesterday, the Paris Club of government creditors delayed a decision on whether to approve the second half of a deal signed in 1991 to halve Poland's debt. The new write-off is worth $8 billion and dependent on Warsaw securing similar terms from its commercial bank creditors.

Japanese eye GKN plant

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

OGIHARA, the Japanese steel and vehicle components group, is understood to be in talks with GKN about the possible acquisition of Venture Pressings, the £40 million plant that produces body panels for Jaguar cars.

The plant, established in 1988 as a joint venture between Jaguar and GKN's Sankey subsidiary, will become idle later this year. Jaguar has provided £43 million to cover the costs of withdrawing from its 50 per cent stake in Venture and breaking its contract to buy body panels from the pressings plant in Telford, Shropshire. Instead, Jaguar plans to obtain pressings from the Merseyside plant of its parent company, Ford, which has spare capacity.

Talks between Ogihara and GKN will increase speculation that Honda, the Japanese car maker, is exploring the possibility of severing links with Rover Group, Britain's largest carmaker, because of its purchase by BMW of Germany.

Under existing agreements, Rover builds several Honda-designed cars under licence. Honda UK Manufacturing, which assembles Honda cars at Swindon, also obtains body panels for its Accord model, sister car to the Rover 600, from Rover's Swindon pressings facility. An arrangement with Ogihara could give Honda the necessary capacity elsewhere. Venture Pressings has capacity to produce body panels for 50,000 cars a year. However, Jaguar was its only customer.

Ogihara examined sites in Stone, Staffordshire, and Crewe, Cheshire, three years ago in the misplaced hope of being chosen to produce pressings for the Toyota factory, now operating at Burnaston, Derbyshire.

Reuters acquires Quotron

REUTERS, the financial services to media group, has bought Quotron Systems, in America, but is being paid $80 million by Citicorp, Quotron's owner, to protect it against possible future losses (Martin Flanagan writes).

Reuters America Holdings said Citicorp would also pay unspecified rationalisation costs, which Reuters will incur at Quotron over 26 months.

Reuters is paying $12.8 million for assets substantially comprising cash and amounts due from customers. The payment from Citicorp is to protect Reuters from potential Quotron operating losses over a two-year period.

Quotron provides immediate quotes, news and analysis on equities to US brokers and financial institutions. Brian Vaughan, president of Reuters America, said his company would build on what Quotron already provided.

Diamond men tickle the fancy with champagne

Colin Campbell reports on the success of the Argyle mine in Western Australia



Diamonds come in all the colours of the rainbow

ALL diamonds sparkle but not every diamond is colourless white, as the daily production of gem and industrial stones from the world's largest diamond mine proves.

From the "pipe" of the Argyle diamond mine in the extreme north of Western Australia, diamonds come in all the colours of the rainbow. Argyle diamonds can be pink, blue, green, yellow, black. They even come in brown, though because of the association of brown with the bottom of a beer bottle, or indeed brown sugar, Argyle "browns" are marketed (and rather successfully, too) as "champagne" or "cognac".

Fancies, as they are known in the trade, are not to be sneered at, and often sell for many times the price of a white stone. The mine's most valuable colour, and one which Argyle has made its own in the world market, is pink and although pinks may be found in other mines, Argyle is the only reliable supply of intensely pink stones. A collection of prize pinks was sold at Christie's in 1989 with bids up to A$500,000 (£236,000) a carat.

The mine is 60 per cent owned by CRA, the Australian associate of RTZ, and 40 per cent by Ashton Mining, itself a subsidiary of Malaysia Mining Corporation.

The deposit was found, after diligent survey work under the direction of Maureen Muggeridge (a niece of Malcolm Muggeridge), in 1979.

Initially, micro-traces of diamonds were found at Smoke Creek in the Ragged Ranges of East Kimberley. Geologists worked their way along the creek and up into the hills, and in 1981 a pilot plant was established. Mining started in 1985, working the alluvial deposit, and an A$475 million processing plant was set up. A A$100 million expansion programme should ensure production for at least another seven years.

Plans to go underground, deep into the pipe, are being examined though a final decision on the economics involved is some way off. Diamond mining is not cheap.

By volume, Argyle produces 40 million carats a year, making it the largest diamond mine in the world. However, because of the preponderance of industrial stones, Argyle — by value — ranks 6th in world terms. It sells 75 per cent of its near gem and industrial diamonds and most of its gem quality stones to the Central Selling Organisation, the De Beers marketing arm where its five-year contract is due for renewal in 1996. The balance of annual production is sold through Argyle's Antwerp selling office.

Last year, Argyle mined 6.9 million tonnes of ore to produce 7.5 tonnes of diamonds worth A$500 million. The mine made a profit of A$100 million.

Geologists are still searching for the source of other "pipes" in the region. The surrounding hills and land are twisted and tourtured but the hunt for diamonds in Western Australia is now at fever pitch.

Perth recently hosted the first Australian diamond conference, and diamond-related exploration companies — with apt names such Moonstone Diamond Corporation, Striker Resources, and Triad Minerals — each laid out a persuasive case to the investing public that is as hungry for diamond shares in 1994 as it was for gold shares in the early-1990s.

But as one conference delegate said, diamond exploration is an endurance test — not a sprint race.

By volume, 6 per cent of Argyle's production is gem quality, 41 per cent near gem, and 53 per cent industrial. By value, 50 per cent is gem, 46 per cent near gem, and 4 per cent industrial. The remoteness of the mine led to the adoption of a "fly-in fly-out" policy with workers spending 14 days on site and then having 14 days leave. Argyle spends A$5 million a year on chartered aircraft to fly miners from site to Perth, and workers are eligible for air miles.

They clock up sufficient air miles in any one year to enable them to fly first class return to Bali — an exotic place to go in exchange for digging up exotic stones for the rest of the year.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.05
Austria Sch	18.42	16.82
Belgium Fr	54.24	49.84
Canada $	2.160	2.000
Cyprus Cypf	0.779	0.729
Denmark Kr	10.35	9.55
Finland Mkk	8.79	7.99
France Fr	8.92	8.22
Germany Dm	2.63	2.42
Greece Dr	363.00	358.00
Hong Kong $	12.12	11.12
Ireland Pt	1.06	1.00
Italy Lire	2498.00	2344.00
Japan Yen	187.50	180.50
Malta	0.622	0.587
Netherlds Gld	2.895	2.705
Norway Kr	11.38	10.58
Portugal Esc	266.50	248.00
S Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	209.50	195.50
Sweden Kr	12.18	11.38
Switzerland Fr	2.24	2.06
Turkey Lira	35368.0	32868.0
USA $	1.562	1.462

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading Friday.

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل



PLASTIC PUNTERS 29

A flutter on the National over the phone

WEEKEND MONEY

HOME TIPS 26,27

How to work your way through the mortgage maze



Robert Miller reports that, barring any political hiccups, the housing market has started its long-awaited recovery

Breezy outlook for house sales

Brisk business this Easter weekend could work wonders for the housing market. Potential buyers have longer viewing hours and a couple of extra days' holiday in which to view.

The economic omens indicate the housing market has started a long-awaited recovery. This week Nationwide's monthly House Price Index recorded a 0.6 per cent rise in prices in March and they are now 2.8 per cent higher than in the same month last year. According to Nationwide's latest index, house prices have now shown yearly rises in each of the past six months.

Anne Gunther, controller of mortgage services at NatWest Home Loans, says: "We are definitely seeing a rolling out of the recovery starting from the South East. There is even anecdotal evidence of gazumping. But the recovery will be patchy to start with and will vary from region to region."

But although properties are affordable and mortgages available, there are undercurrents which could affect the recovery's pace.

Ms Gunther says: "People are still worried about unemployment, and the effect of tax rises, coupled with the fall in mortgage interest tax relief from 25 to 20 per cent, which start this month. The political uncertainty surrounding the Government this week has pushed rates on the wholesale money markets up 1 per cent."

Wholesale money market rates are important because that is where societies borrow money for fixed-rate mortgages. In the past few weeks, lenders have withdrawn fixed-rate offers and replaced them with more expensive ones.

But Margaret Schwarz, chief economist at Abbey National, says "The economic fundamentals don't justify the rise in rates. We will soon see a correction. For buyers in general there is now a good availability of reasonably priced houses and for first-time buyers there is a tremendous variety of financing on offer. But there won't be a boom."

However many home owners who have in the past been desperate to sell their homes now believe that with an upturn they may get more if they hang on a bit longer. This could mean a short-term dearth of quality property.

Simon Tyler, a director of Chase de Vere Mortgage Management, says: "Although lenders are falling over themselves to give money to house buyers, there is all the more reason to look before you leap. If you are going for a fixed-rate make sure it is fixed for the length of time which suits you best. Of the business we have done so far this year, more than 90 per cent has been for fixed-rate mortgages of between two and five years. If interest rates are considerably higher in five years' time, then your income should have caught up. Over the past 23 years the average standard mortgage rate has been over 12 per cent. Fixed-rate mortgages at the moment are available for about 7.5 per cent."

But no matter how attractive a house is or how easy to obtain a loan, don't overstretch yourself, says James Barty, housing analyst at Morgan Grenfell. "Don't look on a house simply as an investment. You have to live there for some time. You can expect to see a modest return after four or five years," he says.

Weekend Money is edited by Rose Wild

Deal with the professionals

THERE are are four professions that you are likely to encounter in the housing chain: estate agents, solicitors, surveyors and valuers. This checklist includes some of the questions you should be asking.

- Apart from a solicitor, who must belong to the Law Society, does the person you are dealing with belong to a professional body or trade association? Anyone can call themselves an estate agent or surveyor. Check whether the estate agent belongs to the National Association of Estate Agents or is in the Ombudsman for Corporate Estate Agents scheme. Only members of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors can call themselves chartered surveyors.
- Does the solicitor specialise in domestic conveyancing, which covers the legal transfer of the property? Is the solicitor acting for the mortgage lender?
- What are the fees or commissions involved? Will you need to pay anything up-front? Estate agents commission, paid for by the seller, varies between 1.5 and 2.5 per cent of the sale price.
- Will your solicitor offer independent advice on the additional financial packages which go with a mortgage and the mortgage itself?
- How often will you receive a progress report?
- Who will your contact be and if that person is out, can someone else help you?

Contacts:
Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL.
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, 12 Great George Street, Parliament Square, London SW1P 3AD.
Ombudsman for Corporate Estate Agents, Beckett House, 4 Bridge Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 1YQ.

The removal company

THE final link in the housing chain is the removal firm. The British Association of Removers (BAR) sets minimum standards of insurance for members and offers a conciliation service to handle disputes. It will provide free brochures and a list of three local member firms.

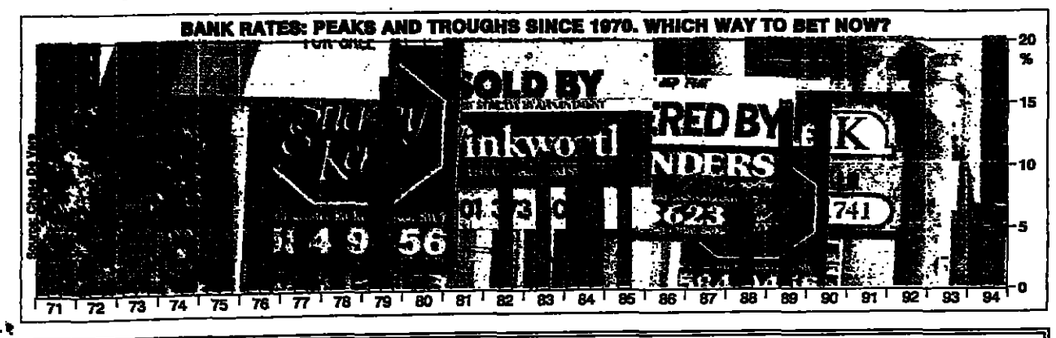
On moving, the Woolwich Building Society offers the following tips:

- Most firms prefer to give an estimate after seeing the property and contents. Check that comprehensive insurance against damage or loss is available.
- Valuable furniture is likely to add to the cost.
- Agree in advance how much of the packing you will do as this will affect the quote.
- Check the service you are getting. A complete packing service will increase the cost.

Send an sae to the BAR, 3 Churchill Court, 58 Station Road, North Harrow HA2 6SA, or telephone 081-861 3331.



Although lenders are falling over themselves to give money to house buyers, there is all the more reason to look before you leap



Little assurance from insurers

COMMENT



LINDSAY COOK

Deputy Business Editor

Brand names are valued at billions of pounds by the makers of fizzy drinks and baked beans, but the household names of the insurance industry fall in value each week. At the rate they are going, several companies could have to change their names to prevent customers being reminded of their misdeeds.

This week, Norwich Union won a little more name awareness than it would have liked when it announced that it had been forced to suspend its 800-strong pensions sales force after a visit from the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation, its regulator.

It is astonishing that so many failed to pass muster and needed retraining before they could be let loose on the public again. It has long been the case that the public could not understand the jargon of a hard-sell insurance industry that sells capital units as though they are worth something and not just a way of disguising charges. Now we find that the salesmen do not understand what they are selling either. Norwich Union, which led the field when it became the first insurer to be fined by its regulator in 1992, will, no doubt, not be the last household purveyor of security and trust to face similar ignominy.

Royal Life has won a different kind of notoriety this week. It is the latest company to send out letters to thousands of policyholders telling them that their endowment mortgages may not be enough to pay off their mortgages. The 24,000 customers who, no doubt, were given telephone number profit projections when they took out the policies may now have to increase their premiums, just when their mortgage payments are going up because of the reduction of mortgage tax relief.

Meanwhile, the fines are mounting in size and number, with many other historic names in the industry already having been worked over publicly by Lautro, or waiting their turn. Many others, it seems, have privately been shown the error of their ways.

What an industry — where it seems the majority cannot comply with a rule-book or the Financial Services Act and cannot meet pretty lowly training standards. It is, therefore, not surprising that regulators ring their hands in despair when challenged to find a replacement for the head of the Personal Investment Authority, which was pilloried in the Commons again this week.

Finding anyone senior in the industry who has clean hands, and who would act as chairman of the PIA is not that easy, they say. And if we expected them to be trained on the finer points of giving the best investment advice it seems we are likely to be disappointed.

The continuing disappointment for industry commentators is that it is not just the ropey and impoverished operators that are failing to comply, but some of those with the best reputations — that is until their shortcomings are revealed.

Security symbols

As the housing market holds its breath, hoping that tax increases and reduced mortgage tax relief will not hinder any recovery, it is time to consider how well the majority have done by buying their homes.

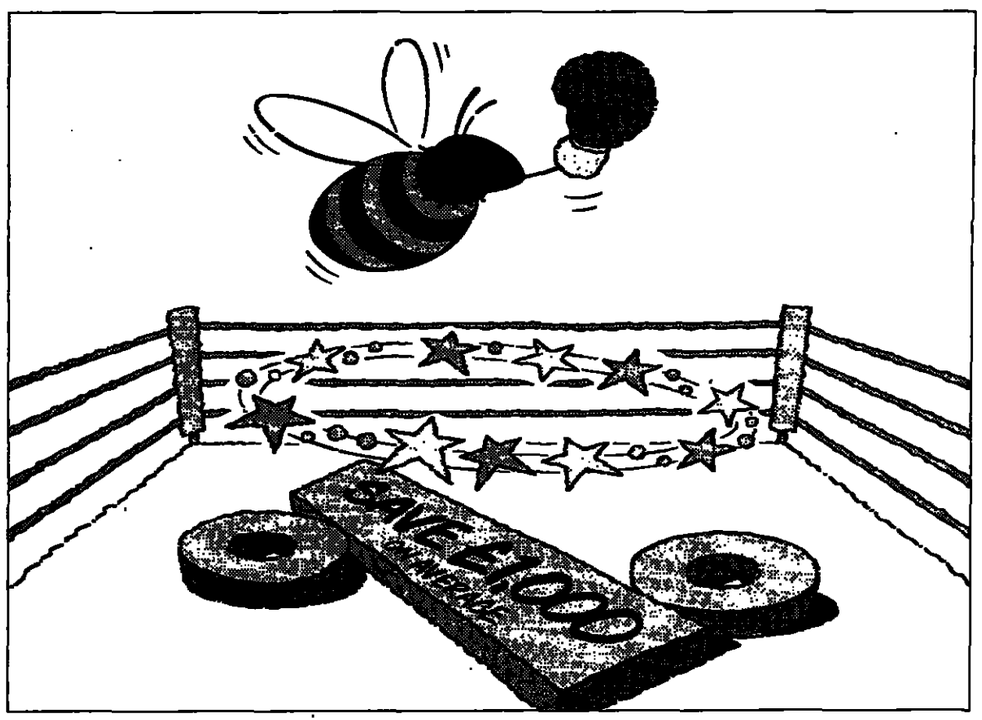
This moment of nostalgia comes as I celebrate 20 years of home ownership. At the outset it was cheaper — in monthly payment terms — to buy a three-bedroom house in Sheffield than to rent a squalid flat in the city.

The initial £1,000 down payment has been multiplied several hundred times. When we entered the market, house prices had risen too far, too fast, and were taking a pause. Sellers could be bargained down. Today, the situation is not a great deal different.

First-time buyers can leapfrog those who climbed on the ladder in the past five years, and, even in the South East, move straight to larger flats or houses. This makes it easier for them to make long-term commitments to their new homes, rather than to view them as milch cows or purely as investments.

It should be a long time before anyone boasts at a dinner party that their house has earned more than they have in a year. But homes could become symbols of security again for families — and worth going without to pay for.

WE'VE KNOCKED
OUR MORTGAGES DOWN TO SIZE.



WITH INTEREST-FREE PAYMENTS
FOR UP TO 3 MONTHS.

For all your mortgage needs just call into your nearest branch or apply direct by phoning our fast freephone service, open 8am to 8pm on

0800 80 80 80

N&P
No-one's busier on your behalf

Average loan of £42,500 based on N&P's new mortgage advances made in Jan 1994. 3 monthly interest payments of £232.38 each. Application fee £200. Valuation fee £125. Available for First Time Buyers and Movers who borrow up to 95% of the purchase price or valuation whichever is the lower and up to 90% for remortgages. In all cases Buildings and Contents Insurance must be arranged through N&P. Interest-free period begins on completion of the mortgage. Interest will not be charged from the date of completion to the end of that month and for two calendar months thereafter. At the end of the interest-free period, N&P's then current variable rate will be charged provided that the rate chargeable shall not at any time exceed 7.64%. APR 8.0% before 30 April 1996. After this date, N&P's then current variable rate will be charged. APR variable calculated on the assumption that the variable rate throughout the term will be 7.64%. A charge will be made if the mortgage is redeemed after the end of the interest-free period and before 30 April 1996. A security guarantee payment will be required for mortgages exceeding 75% of the purchase price or valuation (whichever is the lower.) Typical example of 7.64% p.a. APR 8.0%. 2 monthly interest payments of £0.00, 8 monthly interest payments of £232.38 followed by 290 monthly interest payments of £241.93 net of MIRAS. Total amount payable of £124,264.80. Example assumes the following: Endowment mortgage of £42,500.00 repaid in one fixed amount at the end of the term (a suitable policy of life assurance must be in force on completion), purchase price of £50,000.00, 25 year term. Mortgage completes on 15 May 1994, variable interest charged at 7.64% from end of interest-free period to end of term. Valuation fee £125 will be refunded on completion of the mortgage. Sealing and Vacating fee £50. Land Registry fee £120 (England and Wales) and Solicitors' charges will be payable. Security Guarantee payment £275.00. A charge over your property is required. Mortgages subject to status and satisfactory valuation. Applicants must be 18 or over. Written quotations on request. National & Provincial Building Society, Provincial House, Bradford BD1 1NL.

YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT.

T/2.4.94/TV3

How to find your way in the mortgage maze

Redemption penalties are now common on variable rate mortgages that offer a discount, as well as on fixed rates. Ian Darby, of John Charcol, the independent mortgage adviser, explains that in effect the lender is subsidising the discount, usually with penalties that apply for the first three years.

■ Compulsory building and contents insurance is often more expensive than insurance that can be obtained independently. While it is frequently a compulsory feature of fixed-rate mortgages, it is being imposed with variable rates. The Building Societies Ombudsman has ruled that buyers cannot be compelled to take the lender's insurance package, but that if they go elsewhere, the lender is entitled to charge an administration fee, which should not exceed £25.

■ Check whether the lender's fee is payable up front, in which case is it non-refundable, or whether it is payable on completion.

■ Arrangement fees can make a short-term fixed rate mortgage more expensive than a variable rate one.

■ Be prepared for a possible rise in payments when the fixed rate expires. You will usually go on to the lender's standard variable rate, or be offered another fixed rate.

■ Look out for mortgage products that do not offer the full choice of Pep, pension, endowment, interest only and repayment.

■ Annual percentage rates (APRs) are intended to show the total cost of credit. Recent legal rulings mean that they do not have to be based on a standard set of assumptions, and are therefore not a safe way of comparing loans. No two institutions need use the same criteria.

■ Mortgage indemnity guarantees are usually charged on loans above 75 per cent, but premium rates can vary. Where a £50,000 loan makes up 80 per cent of the purchase price, the Woolwich Building Society quotes a rate of £156.25. When a £50,000 loan makes up 95 per cent of the price, the rate would be £842.08.

■ Low-start mortgages in a static house-price environment do not make a great deal of sense for borrower or lender.

■ The cost of valuation/structural surveys can vary considerably. Shop around.

■ Cash-back deals are now common, but most encourage borrowers to take variable rates, where the margins are better. The Abbey National this week announced an offer of up to £1,120 towards moving costs to variable-rate borrowers. John Charcol suggests that borrowers should weigh up whether such offers are better value than a fixed rate.

John Charcol: 071-611 7000

THIS WEEK'S BEST BUYS

Fixed rates

Lender	Rate/Apr	Until	Max adv %	Fee £	RP	Comp B/C
Bank of Ireland	3.75% (3.9%)	1/3/95	75	260	3 mths/2yrs	none
HMC	4.99% (5.2%)	31/1/96	100	295	3 mths	none
Northern Rock	4.99% (5.2%)	1/1/96	95	200	3 mths	yes
Bristol & West	6.7% (7.0%)	4 year	70	275	3 mths	none
(CMS)	7.3% (7.61%)	5 year	80	275	3 mths	none

Variable/discount rates

Lender	Rate/Apr	Max adv %	Discount until	Net IR	Comp B/C %	RP
Northern Rock	7.74% (7.7%)	90	4.75% dis to 1/6/95	2.99	yes	2 mths/3yrs
Scarborough	7.84% (4.2%)	90	4.44% for 1 year	3.4	yes	90 days/10yrs
Alliance & Leic	7.64% (8%)	80	3.65% for 1 year	3.99	yes	none

Capped rates

Lender	Rate/Apr	Until	Max adv %	Fee £	RP	Comp B/C
Bristol & West	5.9% (6.1%)	2 year	80	275	3 mths	none
Royal Bank of Scotland	7.89% (8.2%)	5 year	80	295	5 mths	none

Source: John Charcol, 071 811 7000

JOHN MANNING



Shirley and Raymond Righelato in the model shop they hope to buy through a Woolwich remortgage

Shirley and Raymond Righelato have decided to use a mortgage to finance a career change. At the age of 39, Mr Righelato, who installs fibre optic cables for British Telecom, wants to buy his own model business which can also act as an outlet for the porcelain dolls that his wife makes. Mrs Righelato will be in charge of running the shop.

Mr Righelato says: "We have a small mortgage of £22,000 with the Woolwich and we want to take out a remortgage, which will cover the business and our house. We are negotiating to buy a model shop in Welling [Bexley, Kent] and will need a mortgage of £52,500.

"When I tried to raise a straightforward business loan from the banks they didn't want to know me, in spite of the fact that the shop is a going concern with a track record stretching back over more than 20 years. In fact they even wanted to charge me fees for investigating the business before deciding whether to give me a loan. Why should I have to pay out extra money when they were already going to charge me high enough interest rates as it was? The Woolwich, on the other hand, have helped me all the way."

The Righelatos will not be relying solely on the shop to generate enough income to pay for the extra mortgage. "The shop has a three-bedroomed flat above it," Mr Righelato explains, "and we will let that to help pay for the mortgage. We hope to sign a repayment mortgage deal, with the rate fixed at 7.5 per cent for five years, within the next few weeks. We chose a repayment mortgage because if the business does generate enough money, we can pay off some of the loan as we go along."

Your guarantee of certainty

ASSET

THE ASSET PORTFOLIO
5 YEAR FIXED RATE MONTHLY INCOME BOND
ISSUE 1

GUARANTEED MONTHLY INCOME

7.6%

GROSS** PA FIXED

STRICTLY LIMITED OFFER

In an uncertain world, you may appreciate the opportunity to secure at least part of your income for the next five years.

The Asset 5 Year Fixed Rate Monthly Income Bond Issue 1 is guaranteed to pay 7.6% gross** p.a., 5.7% net† p.a. (An annual interest option is also available).

The Asset 5 Year Fixed Rate Monthly Income Bond is intended as a long term investment.

However, if you have an emergency we will give you instant access to your money - subject to four months gross interest penalty on the amount withdrawn. Unlike the National Savings Pensioners Guaranteed Income Bond (the 'Granny Bond') it is available to anyone aged 16 or over who has £10,000 or more to invest.

To take advantage of this remarkable offer call or complete the coupon now.

The offer can only last as long as funds are available.

Your call is free on 0800 30 33 30 and lines are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Asset is a division of the Bristol & West, one of the UK's ten largest Building Societies.

It is a telephone and postal service only and so carries none of the overheads associated with High Street locations.

If you have any questions we will be delighted to answer them by telephone.

COMPARE ASSET TO THE COMPETITION*

	GROSS** PA		GROSS** PA
ASSET 5 YEAR FIXED RATE MONTHLY INCOME BOND	7.6%	NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL FIXED RATE BOND 1	7.1%
NATIONAL SAVINGS PENSIONERS INCOME BOND	7.0%	NORTHERN ROCK POSTAL INCOME BOND	7.5%

Asset compared to other 5 year fixed rate monthly income bonds currently available.

FOR AN APPLICATION FORM
TELEPHONE FREE ON 0800 30 33 30
24 HOURS, 7 DAYS A WEEK.

To open your account by post please complete this coupon and enclose it with your cheque (minimum £10,000).

☐ I/we would like to open an Asset 5 Year Fixed Rate Bond Issue 1 and enclose a cheque for £.....made payable to myself and crossed 'Asset.'

I want my interest paid: ☐ Monthly. ☐ Annually 17th May. ☐ Please send further information.

FULL NAME (INCL. TITLE): ADDRESS:

POSTCODE: TELEPHONE (HOME/WORK):

BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

PLEASE SEND TO ASSET, FREEPOST (BS8232), BRISTOL BS1 1BW.

It is a legal requirement that Asset confirms the identity of account holders. Please enclose an original council tax demand or utilities bill. This will be returned.

T/2.4.94

*Correct at time of going to press. **Interest will be payable net of basic rate income tax (which may be reclaimed by non-tax payers), or, subject to the required certification, gross. †Net rates above are illustrative and assume basic rate tax at 25%. Interest is paid either monthly as at 1st each month, or annually as at 17th May each year. The Society reserves the right to decline investments. Copies of the full terms and conditions available on request. Head Office: Bristol & West Building Society, PO Box 27, Broad Quay, Bristol BS99 7AX.

AVAILABLE ONLY TO SINGLE AND JOINT BENEFICIAL INVESTORS WHO ARE UK RESIDENTS AGED 16 OR OVER.

YOUR TAX RETURN COMPLETED FOR A FIXED-FEE!
Qualified tax consultants run our nationwide offices. Fees start at just £49 incl. VAT and our services are for all income levels.
For your nearest local office please call FREEPHONE (24 hours):
0800 393520
THE TAX team

FREE
PHONE NOW FOR OUR NEW GUIDE TO UNIT TRUST INVESTMENT
Ring our free Moneyline for more details.
0800 282 101
9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m., 7 days a week.
SAVE & PROSPER
THE INVESTMENT HOUSE

PERSONAL PENSIONS

Do you need a personal pension that lets you vary contributions without paying a penalty?

You may be quite happy with your pension. Until you try to change it.

Penalties for early retirement, penalties for varying contributions, even penalties for dying. You begin to wonder just whose pension it is.

You see, in order to pay commission to brokers and middlemen, some companies impose severe penalties on their personal pension plans, should you wish to make changes.

Happily, The Equitable Life has never paid commission to third parties for the introduction of new business. You don't have to commit yourself to paying identical contributions every year. And, should you decide to retire early, your benefits would be exactly the same as if you had chosen that date initially.

What is more, you have the reassurance of knowing that your pension fund is in the hands of one of the finest investment teams in the U.K.

If you'd like to know more, call Aylesbury (0296) 26226 or send off the coupon below for further information by post and by telephone.

MEMBER OF LAUTRO

THE EQUITABLE LIFE, FREEPOST, WALTON STREET, AYLESBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HP21 7BR

To: The Equitable Life, FREEPOST, Walton Street, AYLESBURY, Bucks HP21 7BR
I would welcome details on the Equitable's pension plans. I am self employed ☐
I am an employee not in a company pension scheme ☐ TMPF4C

NAME (Mr Mrs Miss) _____
ADDRESS _____
Tel: (Office) _____ Postcode _____
Tel: (Home) _____
Date of Birth _____

We guarantee that no company outside The Equitable Group will receive these details. If, however, you would prefer us to receive no further information from us, please tick this box ☐

Founded 1762

The Equitable Life
You profit from our principles

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

☐ A sheltered pensioner ☐ First-time buyers ☐ The bank as a best friend ☐ Closing the deal

Olive Chapman, 87, has experienced the best and worst of the property market (Robert Miller writes). She bought a house in Dorking, Surrey, for £16,500 in 1976 and sold it for £111,500 in June 1988. Her present flat, which is in sheltered accommodation run by the Hanover Housing Association in Dorking, cost £71,500 in 1988 and is now valued at £50,000.

In 1981 Miss Chapman needed to raise some income to live on, so she contacted Hinton & Wild, a company specialising in home income plans, and was advised to take out a £25,000 loan on her house and buy an annuity to generate an income for life. She subsequently upped the loan to £30,000 to keep it in line with the mortgage interest tax relief ceiling.

At the age of 80, Miss Chapman sold her house and moved to sheltered accommodation.

She says: "I am not too bothered about the fall in the value of my present sheltered accommodation house. I have an annuity to provide me with an income, and I think choosing the right sheltered accommodation is much more important.

"You must have a good warden like we have with Elsie," she adds. "Having your own front door is a consideration, as is ensuring that there are proper lifts if you buy an upstairs flat. I can keep my cat, whereas other sheltered accommodation units do not allow pets at all."



Olive Chapman: sheltered

Miss Chapman pays £67 a month towards the costs of insuring the building, general maintainance, the warden's salary and water rates. She also has to pay a further £34 for the council tax. These outgoings are covered by her home income plan annuity which now provides her with £284 a month.

Home income plans that were linked to stock market investments and sold in the late 1980s brought this specialist sector into disrepute.

A free leaflet, SHIP (Safe Home Income Plans), explaining which of the current plans are suitable and safe, and how they work, is available from Hinton & Wild, 374 Ewell Road, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7BB.



Karen Brooke: first time

Karen Brooke and Steven Evans, first-time buyers, aged 24, encountered more than their fair share of problems earlier this year when they decided to step on the housing ladder.

Miss Brooke, a nanny, says: "Steven was self-employed as a pipe-fitter at the time, but he had been working for the same company for two-and-a-half years. We went to the Alliance & Leicester Building Society first, because that is where I had kept my savings. But they didn't want to know because of Steven's job situation. He has since been taken on the books with the same company as a full-time employee.

"We then went to the Norwich & Peterborough. We had found a semi-detached house with a garage in Peterborough for £34,500, but it needed a lot of work doing to it. The society went through all our options and budgeting plans and we decided on a fixed-rate endowment mortgage at 5.95 per cent, fixed until next January.

"Our monthly payments are £152. There was no pressure on us to take an endowment mortgage, but that is what we wanted. We also took out the society's buildings and contents insurance, having looked at other alternatives first. We pay £16 a month for that.

"We both found the whole process of buying a house quite baffling. From our experience, it is really important to have someone to explain it all to you without pressuring you."

In these days when banks have come in for so much flak, Bob and Jenny Clark have a different story to tell.

Last September when they decided to move house they saw a property on a Saturday, made an offer on Sunday and on Monday told Lloyds Bank what they had done. By the following Thursday the new mortgage had been agreed.

Mr Clark, 44, explains: "Lloyds have backed and financed my heavy engineering business in Bristol for the past 15 years. About five or six years ago Jenny and I decided to switch our building society mortgage on our old house to Lloyds because it seemed easier to have our financial affairs managed by one group. At that time our mortgage was £30,000.

"When we moved house to Chipping Sodbury last year we wanted to amalgamate an outstanding bank loan on the business with our mortgage, but that meant raising our mortgage to a total of £130,000. Lloyds did not question our judgment, or the speed with which we acted. We took out a five-year fixed-rate mortgage at 7.25 per cent and we opted for a straightforward repayment mortgage. We have a longstanding endowment policy, which we have used as a savings plan, and Lloyds accepted this as a security against the mortgage.

"Whatever people say about banks, Lloyds have always given us full support."

SOUTH WEST NEWS



Bob and Jenny Clark geared up for a change of plan

TEN TOP SALES TIPS TO HELP FIND A BUYER

Although buyer confidence is rising, secure sales will go "only to those sellers who price at realistic levels," the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors warns. Estate agents say vendors can do much to enhance their prospects of an early sale. Here is what they recommend:

DO

- Run a kerb-check. View your home from outside as though you are a buyer. Would it honestly appeal if you were seeing it for the first time?
- Remedy external aspects needing attention — unhinged gate, unmown lawn, non-functioning doorbell, slipped tiles, leaking gutters, peeling paint.
- Pay attention to dripping taps, loose handles, squeaky boards. Prospective buyers frequently cut their offer by £250 for every £50-worth of maintenance or repair work needed.
- Present your entire home "in its best possible light", Woolwich Property Services' Vendor's Guides advises. This means clean, tidy rooms, kitchen and bathroom especially.
- Emphasise good insulation, energy-efficient central heating, ample power points, strong water pressure. Have information ready on running costs, guarantees, servicing contracts and local amenities.
- Give applicants the opportunity to look round on their own.
- Offer persuaders like 12 months' complimentary buildings/redundancy/systems breakdown insurance, plus all carpets and a couple of appliances.

DON'T

- Redecorate and/or re-carpet — tastes differ and it may arouse suspicion of an attempt to hide faults.
- Mask smells with artificial air-fresheners; they are more offensive to discerning noses. Open windows, deploy freesias or hyacinths.
- Talk yourself out of a sale; if asked why you are leaving, don't blame noisy neighbours or monster heating bills. You are moving because you want a larger/smaller/more central property.
- Attempt the hard-sell; leave all sales-talk to your well-paid agent.

THE LAST DITCH

When a property sticks is there any choice but to reduce the asking price? There are alternatives, which may appeal in particular to home owners who have mortgages higher than the value of their property.

- Pitch the price at £104,500 rather than £105,000.
- Instruct a second, even third agent — but insist all share the fee, with the lion's share going to the one who achieves a sale; this offers them much greater incentive that the usual "winner takes all" arrangement.
- Ensure details feature a contemporary colour photograph. .
- Consider investing £400 to £500 on a full independent survey or the cheaper, less detailed, report and valuation; offer it to viewers — you will impress them with your honesty and you will be saving them money.

STILL NO DEAL?

Then remove the "For Sale" board and relaunch later. If you must sell because of a job move, and your employer does not provide a relocation package, approach lenders who offer loan schemes enabling escape from the negative equity trap.

NICOLA COLE

'TOP UP' YOUR COMPANY PENSION

Find out more. Ring our free Moneyline now, on:

0800 282 101

9.00 a.m.–5.00 p.m., 7 days a week.

SAVE & PROSPER

THE INVESTMENT HOUSE

HOWZAT!

AMBROSE NETS £50K

SEC HAPPILY STUMP UP THE £50,000 PRIZE IN THEIR CARIBBEAN CHALLENGE TO THE FIRST BOWLER TO COLLECT 10 WICKETS IN A TEST MATCH - CURTLEY AMBROSE

Be a winner too!
If you're cashing in your endowment contact SEC.

30% Above Surrender Value Often Paid

1 Insurance Company .....
2 Basic Sum Assured .....
3 Start Date of Policy .....
4 Maturity Date of Policy .....
5 Gross Monthly Premium .....
6 Total Bonus Attaching .....
7 Surrender Value .....

FOR AN IMMEDIATE QUOTE TELEPHONE, FAX OR RETURN THE COUPON WITH THE INFORMATION INDICATED.

NAME (Mr/Mrs/Miss) .....
ADDRESS .....
.....
.....
.....POSTCODE.....
TELEPHONE NO: .....

SECURITISED ENDOWMENT CONTRACTS PLC

FIMBRA

TEL 081-207-1666
FAX 081-207 4950

SEC House, 49 Threbald Street, Berkhamsted, Herts. WD6 4RZ

Best Fund Manager over 3 years Offshore Financial Review and The International

2nd Offshore Equity Fund Management Group of the Year Investment International

Possibly the most impressive range in the world.

Offshore International Growth Fund



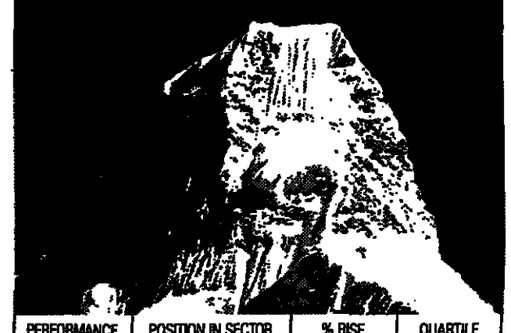
PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	35 OUT OF 162	44.7	1
5 YEARS	12 OUT OF 96	80.3	1
SINCE LAUNCH	3 OUT OF 28	467.8	1

Offshore Emerging Companies Fund



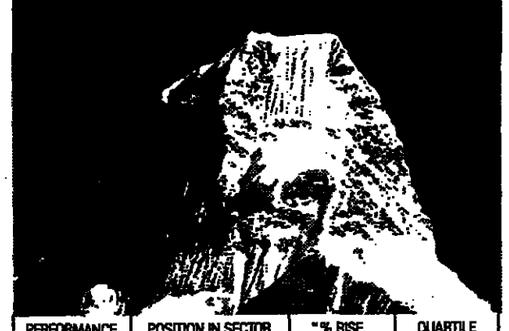
PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	6 OUT OF 162	59.7	1
5 YEARS	1 OUT OF 96	200.0	1
SINCE LAUNCH	1 OUT OF 43	601.1	1

Offshore American Growth Fund



PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	36 OUT OF 135	21.9	2
5 YEARS	5 OUT OF 79	206.0	1
SINCE LAUNCH	1 OUT OF 31	756.6	1

Offshore Far Eastern Growth Fund



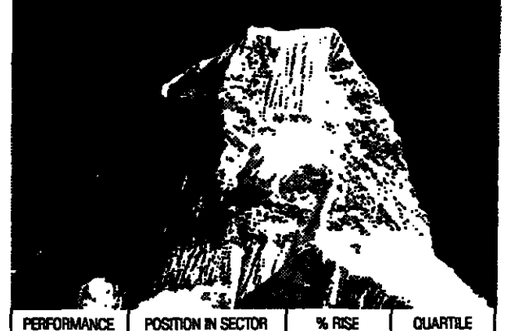
PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	8 OUT OF 66	90.0	1
5 YEARS	5 OUT OF 44	177.8	1
SINCE LAUNCH	2 OUT OF 24	417.8	1

Offshore Japanese Growth Fund



PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	47 OUT OF 108	45.5	2
5 YEARS	–	–	–
SINCE LAUNCH	3 OUT OF 95	50.1	1

Offshore European Growth Fund



PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	51 OUT OF 119	32.8	2
5 YEARS	7 OUT OF 60	83.3	1
SINCE LAUNCH	6 OUT OF 23	120.3	2

Offshore UK Growth Fund



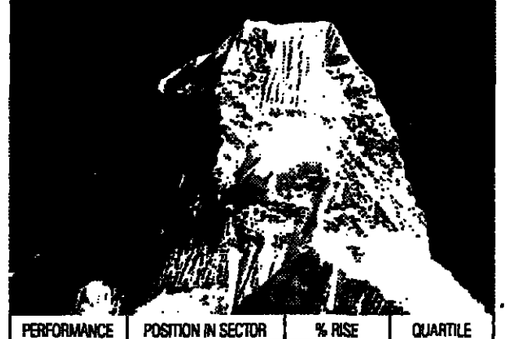
PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	7 OUT OF 68	40.0	1
5 YEARS	1 OUT OF 42	96.8	1
SINCE LAUNCH	1 OUT OF 31	198.4	1

Offshore Global Bond Fund



PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	69 OUT OF 153	9.1	2
5 YEARS	–	–	–
SINCE LAUNCH	46 OUT OF 135	13.3	2

Offshore Asian Smaller Markets Fund



PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	–	–	–
5 YEARS	–	–	–
SINCE LAUNCH	15 OUT OF 93	84.7	1

At Perpetual we've gone from strength to strength simply by doing what we do best: delivering consistent investment performance for our unitholders.

In fact, since launch, seven of Perpetual's Offshore Funds have achieved top quartile performance, and three are top of their respective sectors – an excellent illustration of our fund management skills.

Our award-winning range of Funds covers the world, so we can provide top quality fund management whatever your geographical investment preference or objectives. Perpetual – range and vision that helps investors reach the top.

Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. The value of an investment and the income from it can go down as well as up.

Positions are to 1st March 1994 and are on an offer-to-offer, US Dollar basis, inclusive of reinvested income, net of withholding taxes. Source: Micropal.

For more information on the range of Perpetual Offshore Funds, telephone Marion Buchanan on +44 534 607660, or send her a fax on +44 534 38918.

Alternatively, fill in the coupon.

Perpetual
Independent Fund Management

To Perpetual Unit Trust Management (Jersey) Limited, PO Box 459, d'Hauteville Chambers, Seale Street, St Helier, Jersey JE4 8WS, Channel Islands.

Please send me details on your range of Perpetual Offshore Funds.

PRINT NAME (Mr/Mrs/Ms) .....
ADDRESS .....
.....
.....
.....POSTCODE.....

TIM 02/04/94

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE				
Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 9800				
Balanced	445.50	471.50	-4.10	...
UK Equity	559.70	592.30	-7.20	...
Property	448.90	475.10	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	321.20	339.90	-1.60	...
Money	246.00	260.40	-0.20	...
International	368.40	389.90	-1.60	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.68	18.61	...	...
Bear	18.86	19.85	-0.15	...
Owl	19.94	20.99	-0.18	...
Bull	17.86	18.80	-0.17	...
Stag	19.42	20.44	-0.12	...
Gilt Edged	18.29	19.25	-0.11	...
Deposit	15.53	16.35	...	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	23.77	25.02	...	...
Bear	25.76	27.12	-0.21	...
Owl	27.17	28.60	-0.24	...
Bull	22.85	24.05	-0.21	...
Stag	24.41	25.69	-0.15	...
Gilt Edged	22.67	23.86	-0.14	...
Deposit	19.86	20.91	...	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	575.37	575.38	-4.92	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	347.43	365.72	-3.06	...
N Amer Equity	293.13	308.56	-9.56	...
Far East Equity	423.87	446.18	+16.64	...
Fixed	286.95	302.05	-1.77	...
Cash Deposit	200.56	211.12	...	...
Property	147.09	154.83	-0.01	...
Special Opp	393.05	413.74	-3.47	...
Managed	304.81	320.85	-2.74	...
Index-Linked Fd	189.52	199.49	+0.90	...
ABBEY LIFE				
Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	281.70	296.60	+6.00	...
-do- Acc	514.40	541.50	+11.00	...
Equity Fd Inc	168.80	177.70	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	219.00	230.60	+1.20	...
Selective Fd	482.80	508.30	+3.60	...
Money Fd	368.60	388.10	+0.30	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	400.60	421.70	+8.70	...
Equity Ser 4	210.80	221.90	-0.70	...
Man Ser 4	661.00	695.80	-3.90	...
Conv Ser 4	321.40	338.90	+0.20	...
Money Ser 4	321.60	338.60	+0.20	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	340.90	358.90	+2.10	...
American Ser 4	494.80	520.90	-20.50	...
High Inc Ser 4	657.90	692.60	-4.10	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	209.60	220.70	+1.50	...
Japan Ser 4	379.60	399.60	-2.50	...
ALBANY LIFE				
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1540.3	1621.3	-15.30	...
European Fd Acc	372.00	391.50	-0.10	...
Fixed Int Acc	504.60	531.10	+4.80	...
Gtd Money Acc	327.00	344.10	+0.10	...
Intl Managed Acc	598.40	629.80	-4.40	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	319.80	336.60	+2.60	...
Japan Fund	317.50	334.20	+6.90	...
N American Acc	317.90	334.60	-10.80	...
Prop Fd Acc	429.90	452.50	-0.30	...
Multiple Inv Acc	1038.8	1093.4	-7.30	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	364.10	383.30	+0.20	...
Equity Acc	1408.1	1482.3	-0.30	...
Property Acc	540.00	568.50	+8.30	...
Far East Acc	335.10	352.80	-1.10	...
Managed Capital	538.60	567.00	+2.30	...
-do- Acc	1085.0	1142.2	+2.80	...
Overseas Acc	951.70	1007.8	+5.00	...
Gilt Edged Acc	479.80	505.10	-6.80	...
Amer Equity Acc	725.50	763.70	-22.00	...
Amer Man Acc	312.30	328.80	-7.10	...
Amer Prop Acc	118.30	124.50	+0.70	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE				
Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	148.50	156.30	+2.10	...
Balced Ser 5	683.90	719.80	+3.40	...
Opportunity Ser 5	159.50	167.80	-2.00	...
Distribution Ser 5	102.20	107.50	+2.10	6.70
UK Equities Ser 5	934.90	984.10	+0.20	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	997.70	1050.2	+6.70	...
North Amer Ser 5	423.00	445.20	-10.70	...
Far East Ser 5	570.00	599.90	+4.50	...
Europe Ser 5	363.60	382.70	-5.20	...
Intnl Ser 5	552.60	581.60	-0.70	...
Property Ser 5	540.30	568.70	+11.00	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	407.10	428.50	+3.50	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	179.20	188.60	+1.40	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	290.30	305.50	-0.10	...
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	816.60	859.60	-8.00	...
-do- Initial	552.20	581.30	-7.10	...
Gilt Edged Acc	375.70	395.50	-2.10	...
-do- Initial	256.30	269.80	-2.30	...
International Acc	407.40	428.90	-4.40	...
-do- Initial	276.10	290.70	-3.90	...
Managed Acc	514.10	541.20	-4.70	...
-do- Initial	349.60	368.10	-4.30	...
Money Acc	284.80	299.80	+0.20	...
Property Acc	282.80	297.70	-0.20	...
-do- Initial	191.10	201.20	...	...
America Acc	279.20	293.90	-13.00	...
Australia Acc	221.50	233.20	-9.40	...
Financial Acc	317.70	334.30	-3.10	...
500 Accum	447.30	470.90	-5.70	...
Japan Genl Acc	381.30	401.40	+6.10	...
Income Acc	510.80	537.70	-4.90	...
Leisure Acc	233.60	245.90	+2.10	...
Special Sits Acc	232.90	244.80	-2.50	...
Univ Tech Acc	154.70	162.90	-0.80	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	794.27	794.27	-2.47	...
Income Fund	746.39	785.68	-0.51	...
Extra Income	680.28	716.09	-2.96	...
Worldwide Gth	507.88	534.62	-0.44	...
Balanced Fund	647.61	681.70	-1.05	...
Smllr Cos Recov	689.33	725.62	-11.62	...
N Amer & Genrl	365.29	384.52	-15.26	...
Pacific Basin	435.69	458.63	-10.64	...
German Growth	236.64	249.10	-0.71	...
Japan Growth	199.58	210.09	-6.50	...
The UK Gth Fd	205.58	216.40	...	...
Contl Euro Gth	130.13	136.98	-1.69	...
Property Fund	390.24	410.78	+1.14	...
Fixed Interest	303.73	319.72	-3.95	...
Cash Fund	277.31	291.91	+0.12	...
Managed Inv	480.26	505.54	-1.65	...
Nth Amer Recov	246.77	259.76	-12.74	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	487.02	512.66	+0.71	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE				
PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 888000				
Measured Perf	166.10	175.70	-2.70	...
Performance Plus	168.00	177.70	-5.20	...
With Profit Perf	167.20	176.90	+0.10	...
UK Opportunity	175.30	185.50	-2.70	...
Euro Opportunity	225.40	238.50	+0.70	...
North Amer Opp	171.40	181.30	-8.70	...
Far East Opp	194.40	205.70	+0.20	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	143.20	150.70	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	182.20	192.80	+0.90	...
Fixed Int	182.50	193.10	-2.30	...
Cash	153.40	162.30	+0.10	...
Overseas	193.60	204.80	-5.90	...
Formerly LAS				
Managed Fund	346.50	364.80	-4.00	...
UK Equity	559.00	588.50	-7.40	...
Property	295.80	311.40	...	...
Money Market	247.40	260.50	-7.40	...
Fixed Interest	312.10	328.60	+7.40	...
Japan	414.40	436.30	+5.50	...
North America	158.40	166.80	-11.60	...
International	304.50	320.60	-7.30	...
European	287.50	302.70	...	...
Far East	138.00	145.30	+0.20	...
CANADA LIFE				
2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£238.60	...	...	...
Managed	323.40	340.40	-3.50	...
Property	231.90	244.20	+8.10	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	237.80	250.40	-0.70	...
Equity	358.00	376.90	-4.10	...
Cash	212.70	224.00	-0.50	...
CLife Euro Mgd	368.50	387.90	-4.90	...
CLife Intl Fd	356.40	375.20	-7.60	...

For Cannon see Lincoln National

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE				
Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	186.40	196.30	+4.50	...
Managed Fund	595.50	626.90	-4.30	...
Equity Fund	334.30	351.90	-2.60	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	287.40	302.60	...	...
Ruby	174.00	183.20	+1.40	...
Emerald	142.50	150.00	+1.50	...
Equity	319.80	336.70	-1.70	...
Property	218.00	229.50	+0.60	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	203.10	213.80	-3.00	...
Indexed Secs	164.80	173.50	+2.00	...
Cash	183.40	193.10	+0.20	...
Nth American	215.70	227.10	-8.20	...
Far East	321.10	338.10	+1.30	...
International	238.80	251.40	+1.00	...
Special Sits	332.60	350.20	-4.50	...
Intl Income	289.80	305.10	-0.90	...
American Inc	190.00	200.00	-5.70	...
European	315.60	332.30	+5.00	...
Japanese	153.30	161.40	+3.00	...
SE Asia	351.40	370.20	-0.30	...
With Profits Reg	157.00	165.30	+0.30	...
-do- Spec	157.00	165.30	+0.30	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	318.20	335.00	-0.80	...
Equity	369.90	389.40	-2.20	...
Property	197.50	207.90	+0.60	...
Gilt & Fixed Inc	248.80	261.90	-5.80	...
Index Linked	173.60	182.80	+2.10	...
Cash	243.00	255.80	+0.10	...
Nth American	264.10	278.10	-11.70	...
Far East Acc	336.50	354.30	+3.90	...
International Acc	305.60	321.70	-1.50	...
Special Sits	484.40	509.90	-9.90	...
European Flex	442.60	465.90	+3.50	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP				
Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Units):Key	£226.84	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	£317.15	...	...	...
-do- Cash	200.00	210.53	+0.11	...
-do- Equity	530.17	558.07	-10.87	...
-do- Fxd Int	353.97	372.60	-8.64	...
-do- Managed	379.20	399.16	-7.86	...
-do- Property	354.00	372.63	-9.34	...
(Pens): Cash Cap	207.37	218.30	...	...
-do- Cash Inv	296.22	311.83	...	...
-do- Equity Cap	1421.1	1495.9	...	...
-do- Equity Inv	2029.9	2136.8	...	...
-do- Fixed Cap	394.76	415.55	...	...
-do- Fixed Inv	563.90	593.59	...	...
-do- Index Cap	204.19	214.94	...	...
-do- Index Inv	291.68	307.04	...	...
Mngd Cap	562.94	592.58	...	...
Mngd Inv	804.14	846.48	...	...
COMMERCIAL UNION				
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	£680.52	...	-25.33	...
Var Ann (5)	389.91	...	-2.25	...
Prime: Managed	399.10	420.20	-1.20	...
Prime: UK Equity	473.70	498.70	-1.40	...
Prime: Intl Equity	311.90	328.40	-2.40	...
Prime: Property	238.30	250.90	+0.80	...
Prime: Fxd Int	237.50	250.10	+1.90	...
Prime: Index-Lnk	171.00	180.00	+2.10	...
Prime: Cash	201.00	211.60	+0.20	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE				
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744040				
Managed Fund	1160.4	1221.4	...	...
Equity Fund	1677.3	1765.5	...	...
CROWN FINANCIAL				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	585.30	616.10	-4.30	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	363.60	382.70	-1.30	...
Life Equity Acc	797.90	839.80	-6.50	...
Life Money Acc	295.00	310.50	+0.10	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	807.60	850.10	-19.30	...
Life Intl Acc	508.10	534.80	-5.40	...
Life High Inc Acc	766.50	806.80	-2.90	...
Life Property Acc	281.70	296.50	+8.70	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1389.9	...	...	...
Brewin Equity	691.10	727.40	-8.30	...
Life Equity Acc	234.00	246.30	...	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	171.50	180.60	+0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	241.70	254.50	-1.30	...
-do- Series 2	156.60	164.90	-0.80	...
Adventurous Fd	201.70	212.40	-4.60	...
-do- Series 2	153.00	161.10	-3.40	...
Performance Fd	251.40	264.70	-2.50	...
-do- Series 2	164.40	173.10	-1.60	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	141.70	149.20	+0.70	...
UK Equity Fund	158.30	166.60	-0.70	...
Property Fund	119.00	125.30	+2.30	...
Envronmntl Opps	158.40	166.80	-0.70	...
Euro Fund	184.50	194.30	+0.70	...
North Amer Fd	191.50	202.00	-7.70	...
Oriental Opp	229.40	241.50	-0.40	...
Japanese Fund	137.10	144.40	+1.60	...
Bd & West Life	119.70	126.10	+0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	133.00	140.00	+0.10	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND				
60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	264.60	274.20	-4.30	3.34
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mxbd)	300.90	316.80	-0.70	...
UK Equity	393.40	414.20	-1.60	...
Stewardship	351.00	369.50	-1.10	...
Overseas Equity	285.00	300.10	+0.60	...
North American	151.10	159.10	-1.40	...
Pacific Basin	168.20	177.10	+1.50	...
European	204.40	215.20	+0.40	...
Property	203.70	214.50	...	...
Fixed Interest	225.10	237.00	-2.70	...
Index Linked	164.30	173.00	...	...
Cash	195.90	206.30	+0.10	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	364.40	383.60	+9.10	...
GT Plan Wwide	540.10	568.60	+9.90	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT				
2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	206.60	217.40	-0.40	...
Unitised Profit	129.80	136.60	+0.20	...
UK Equity	272.10	286.30	-0.60	...
Fixed Int	193.10	203.10	+3.50	...
Index-Linked	164.10	172.60	+2.00	...
Cash Deposit	171.10	180.00	+0.10	...
Property	182.30	191.80	+0.50	...
International	183.40	193.00	-1.70	...
American	157.70	165.90	-3.50	...
Japan	265.50	279.30	+3.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	271.90	286.10	+3.10	...
European	181.10	190.60	+1.10	...
Pacific Fund	283.90	298.80	-1.30	...
Conv Life	131.00	137.70	-1.70	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE				
Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	668.00	668.00	-8.20	...
-do- Inv A	687.90	724.20	-8.70	...
UK Equity	390.20	410.80	-3.20	...
Gilt Plus	201.70	212.40	+0.10	...
Managed	302.80	318.80	-3.80	...
Inter Man	274.20	288.70	-4.60	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE				
Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	753.10	784.50	...	...
Managed Initial	476.00	501.00	+3.20	...
-do- Acc	668.40	703.60	+4.80	...
Equity Initial	690.20	726.50	+6.70	...
-do- Acc	969.20	1020.2	+9.70	...
Fixed Int Initial	441.90	465.20	+2.00	...
-do- Acc	620.50	653.20	+2.90	...
Intl Initial	486.60	512.20	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	683.30	719.20	-1.80	...
Nth Amer Initial	185.30	195.10	-2.50	...
-do- Acc	236.80	249.30	-3.20	...
Pacific Initial	261.60	275.40	+5.00	...
-do- Acc	331.20	348.60	+6.40	...
Property Initial	170.10	179.10	...	...
-do- Acc	238.40	251.00	...	...
Index-Lnkd Initl	159.40	167.80	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	203.70	214.40	+1.30	...
Deposit Initial	195.60	205.90	...	...
-do- Acc	274.70	289.10	+0.10	...
Euro Initial	105.00	110.50	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	124.00	130.50	+0.80	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE				
Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 290939				
Managed	165.00	173.60	-0.60	...
-do- Pens	201.40	212.00	-1.00	...
UK Equity	163.30	171.80	-1.00	...
-do- Pens	184.10	193.70	-1.50	...
International	145.80	153.40	+0.70	...
-do- Pens	158.30	166.60	+0.80	...
Deposit	137.50	144.70	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	161.50	169.90	+0.10	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION				
3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	364.80	388.10	-4.60	...
North America	350.10	372.50	-16.60	...
Far East Fund	646.30	687.60	-6.80	...
Global Managed	473.30	503.60	-6.20	...
Deposit Fund	225.20	237.10	+0.10	...
Prima Residential	130.30	137.20	-0.30	...
European Fund	265.20	282.20	+1.00	...
Fixed Interest	67.80	72.20	+0.10	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	503.00	532.30	-2.10	...
British Fund	510.70	540.50	-3.50	...
International	528.10	558.90	-6.80	...
Dollar Fund	366.70	388.10	-16.70	...
Capital Fund	464.50	491.60	-2.00	...
Income Fund	681.00	720.70	-4.20	...
Property Series A	447.60	473.70	+12.70	4.80
Property Units	733.20	769.90	+19.30	...
Financial Fund	564.00	596.90	-7.20	...
Managed Ser A	540.00	571.50	+0.90	...
Managed Units	963.90	1014.7	+1.70	...
High Yield Fund	654.50	692.60	-2.90	...
Money Series A	282.20	298.70	+0.10	...
Money Units	373.10	392.80	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	612.00	647.70	-3.70	...
Fixed Interest	373.90	395.70	+6.00	...
Indexed Secs	184.30	195.10	+2.20	...
European Fund	753.40	797.30	+10.90	...
Natural Res	296.60	313.90	-10.30	...
Far East Fund	667.50	706.40	-0.20	...
Smaller Cos	505.10	534.50	-7.60	...
Special Sits	438.80	464.40	-2.80	...
Man Currency	259.90	275.10	+1.90	...
Japanese Tech	292.80	309.90	+3.10	...
US Smaller Cos	221.00	233.90	-13.00	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE				
Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 3TF. 0727 45161				
Global Managed	546.10	574.80	-3.50	...
Global Property	282.30	297.20	...	...
Global Fixed Int	301.30	317.20	-1.70	...
Global Equity	577.00	607.40	-4.70	...
Global Cash	208.90	219.90	+0.10	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE				
Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	476.90	501.90	-1.30	...
Property	479.20	504.40	-0.10	...
Managed	413.70	435.40	-3.00	...
American	387.20	407.50	-24.20	...
UK Equity Fd	444.60	467.90	-2.10	...
Japan	222.50	234.20	+3.10	...
Index-Lkd	181.20	190.70	+0.40	...
High Yield	840.30	884.50	-3.60	...
Growth Cap	424.80	447.10	-1.60	...
Money	394.50	415.20	+0.20	...
International	396.40	417.20	-5.70	...
Henderson Active	222.80	234.50	-1.80	...
Perpetual Active	334.40	352.00	-1.10	...
Growth Cap	424.80	447.10	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	645.90	679.80	-4.70	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE				
2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824008				
B Soc Lnkd Init	135.10	142.30	...	...
-do- Acc	182.60	192.30	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	142.60	150.20	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	173.10	182.30	-0.50	...
Cash Initial	167.40	176.30	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	281.80	296.70	+0.20	...
Equity Initial	642.70	676.60	-3.60	...
-do- Acc	1081.7	1138.7	-6.00	...
Fixed Initial	346.70	365.00	+3.40	...
-do- Acc	583.40	614.20	+5.60	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	136.30	143.50	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	195.80	206.20	+1.80	...
Intl Initial	360.70	379.70	-3.10	...
-do- Acc	597.70	629.20	-5.10	...
Managed Initial	483.30	508.80	-2.20	...
-do- Acc	813.40	856.30	-3.60	...
Property Initial	214.90	226.30	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	361.80	380.90	+2.10	...
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£123.31	...	-0.52	...
Property Units	£127.28	...	...	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£64.64	£68.04	-0.58	...
2nd Equity Acc	624.50	657.40	-3.70	...
2nd High Inc Ac	601.70	633.40	-2.70	...
2nd Property Acc	249.00	262.10	...	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	180.60	190.10	...	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	472.10	497.00	-3.80	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	237.00	249.50	-2.40	...
2nd Deposit Acc	275.20	289.60	...	...
2nd Gilt Acc	298.90	314.60	-0.60	...
2nd Amer Acc	690.10	726.40	-34.00	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	262.10	275.90	+2.70	...
2nd Index Acc	198.10	208.50	-1.70	...
2nd Far East Acc	477.80	502.90	+0.40	...
2nd Global Acc	183.20	192.80	-2.90	...
2nd Euro Acc	165.90	174.60	+0.40	...
2nd Japan Acc	210.60	221.70	+0.10	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	161.00	169.50	+1.50	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	128.90	135.70	-0.70	...
LONDON LIFE				
100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£888.60	...	-5.70	...
Fixed Interest	£407.30	...	-0.70	...
Property	£378.90	...	+0.30	...
Deposit	£285.60	...	+0.10	...
Mixed	£587.20	...	-2.00	...
Indexed Stock	£210.40	...	+0.70	...
International	£295.10	...	+0.40	...
Equity A	£206.40	...	-1.30	...
Fixed Int A	£181.00	...	-0.20	...
Property A	£166.80	...	+0.20	...
Deposit A	£168.10	...	+0.10	...
Mixed A	£193.20	...	-0.70	...
Index Stock A	£164.90	...	+0.49	...
International A	£184.60	...	+0.20	...
Equity F	£733.20	...	-8.40	...
Fixed Int F	£531.60	...	-0.80	...
Property F	£309.50	...	+1.00	...
Deposit F	£333.60	...	+0.20	...
Mixed F	£540.20	...	-4.50	...
Index Stock F	£239.40	...	+0.80	...
International F	£341.50	...	-2.30	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap	£622.70	...	-8.60	...
-do- Acc	£1011.2	...	-13.20	...
Property Cap	£146.90	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	£230.00	...	-0.10	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£199.50	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	£313.90	...	...	...
Equity Cap	£321.80	...	-2.10	...
-do- Acc	£512.60	...	-2.90	...
Internatl Cap	£247.50	...	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	£390.70	...	-2.40	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£167.60	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	£260.80	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£351.80	...	-2.00	...
-do- Acc	£559.00	...	-2.70	...
Moneymaker Fd	£434.00	...	-1.80	...
Capital Growth	£1658.7	...	-9.20	...
M & G				
Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	402.40	422.60	-17.90	...
Amer Rec Bond	478.20	502.20	-17.10	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	236.90	248.80	-9.50	...
Australasia Bd	232.90	244.70	-9.10	...
Commodity Bond	327.80	344.30	-12.80	...
Deposit Bond Acc	354.30	372.20	+0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	1479.4	1553.5	-30.50	...
European Bd Acc	388.00	407.50	-0.60	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	717.50	753.40	-4.10	...
Far East Bd Acc	319.90	336.00	-2.20	...
Gilt Bond Acc	438.40	460.40	+1.50	...
Gold Bond Acc	168.40	176.90	-15.60	...
High Yield Bond	339.90	357.00	-4.70	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	208.60	219.10	+1.00	...
International Bd	782.30	821.50	-15.10	...
Japan Bond Acc	298.90	314.00	+7.00	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	296.00	310.90	+4.70	...
Managed Bonds	874.90	919.20	-18.10	...
Prop Bond Acc	354.00	371.80	-5.70	...
Rec Bond Acc	750.10	787.70	-7.20	...
MGM ASSURANCE				
MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	224.60	236.50	-2.10	...
UK Equity Acc	309.30	325.60	-2.80	...
Special Sits	95.50	100.60	-1.00	...
Special Sits Acc	131.60	138.60	-1.40	...
North American	179.10	188.60	-6.40	...
N American Acc	246.70	259.70	-8.90	...
Pacific Basin	380.00	400.00	+0.20	...
Pacific Basin Acc	523.50	551.10	+0.60	...
Fixed Interest	283.00	297.90	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest Acc	390.30	410.90	+0.30	...
Property	170.20	179.20	+2.70	...
Property Acc	234.70	247.10	+3.80	...
Deposit	151.90	159.90	...	...
Deposit Acc	210.00	221.10	+0.10	...
Managed	260.90	274.70	-1.70	...
Managed Acc	331.20	348.70	-2.00	...
MANULIFE GROUP				
St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	697.90	734.60	-5.00	...
Property Fund	535.00	563.20	+0.10	...
Equity Fund	871.20	917.00	-6.40	...
Gilt Edged Fd	597.30	628.70	+1.20	...
Deposit Fund	323.90	340.90	+0.20	...
Investment Fd	370.10	388.70	-2.40	...
International	558.90	588.30	-10.00	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS				
St Bartholomews House, Lewins Mead Bristol BS1 2NH 0272 266 366				
Property	443.10	466.40	+3.10	...
UK Equity	334.80	352.40	-0.40	...
Gilt Edged	577.60	608.00	+3.10	...
Interest Fund	375.80	395.50	+0.70	...
UK Fund	490.00	515.70	-3.90	...
Intl Equity	622.40	655.10	-1.90	...
Intl Managed	576.50	606.80	-0.70	...
North American	209.40	220.40	-6.40	...
Far East	484.10	509.50	-3.40	...
Intl Currency	268.60	282.70	+3.10	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE				
Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	143.00	150.50	...	...
Fixed Interest	520.40	547.70	-8.10	...
Managed	693.80	730.30	+0.20	...
Deposit	332.50	350.00	+0.30	...
Property	441.00	464.20	+9.10	...
American	406.50	427.80	-3.00	...
Australian	529.20	557.00	-6.10	...
European	522.80	550.30	+1.20	...
Income Acc	742.90	782.00	...	...
-do- Dist	461.40	485.70	...	3.91
International	320.40	337.20	+0.90	...
Japan Smaller	566.20	596.00	+20.70	...
Singapore & Mal	340.30	358.20	+8.40	...
Smaller Cos	426.50	448.90	-3.30	...
Tokyo Fund	719.90	757.70	+9.90	...
UK Equity	583.70	614.40	-0.70	...
CCM Vangd Mg	727.80	766.10	-1.50	...
NPI				
48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623-4200				
Managed	473.10	498.00	-1.00	...
UK Equity	583.00	613.60	-0.70	...
Overseas Equity	484.30	509.70	+0.50	...
Americas	416.40	438.30	-7.10	...
Far East	571.90	602.00	+3.00	...
Property	208.50	219.40	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	362.60	381.60	-1.30	...
Indexed Gilt	227.80	239.70	+1.00	...
Deposit	211.90	223.00	+0.10	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds				
PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1372.9	1445.2	-5.90	...
Eqity Fund	2949.3	3104.5	-22.40	...
Property Fd	570.70	600.70	+5.90	...
Fixed Int Fd	579.40	609.90	+7.80	...
Deposit Fund	340.10	358.00	+0.20	...
Intl Fund	238.10	250.60	-1.30	...
PEARL ASSURANCE				
The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 0733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	160.40	168.90	+0.10	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	323.00	340.00	+0.20	...
Inv Equity	1157.2	1218.2	-12.70	...
Inv Managed	830.30	874.00	-7.20	...
Ret Managed	927.20	976.00	-8.60	...

For Prolific see Scottish Provident

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL				
2 Bunley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	276.90	292.10	-2.40	...
Fxd Interest Acc	239.50	252.70	-0.30	...
International Acc	267.20	281.90	-4.30	...
Managed Acc	223.50	235.80	-1.60	...
Property Acc	234.00	246.90	+2.60	...
Money Acc	150.70	159.00	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	243.90	257.30	-1.90	...
Japan Equity Acc	130.60	137.80	-0.20	...
N Amer Acc	160.90	169.80	-7.20	...
Pacific Acc	168.50	177.80	-2.40	...
European Acc	190.20	200.70	+5.30	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL				
William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	461.30	485.60	-2.20	...
Managed Initial	318.00	334.70	-1.70	...
Equity Ord	688.60	724.80	-5.60	...
Equity Init	474.30	499.20	-4.20	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	199.10	209.60	+1.70	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	143.30	150.80	+1.00	...
Overs Equity Ord	381.50	401.60	-2.80	...
Overs Equity Init	263.00	276.80	-2.10	...
Property Ord	269.30	283.50	+6.70	...
Property Init	185.70	195.50	+4.60	...
Fixed Int Ord	273.50	287.90	+1.60	...
Fixed Int Init	188.60	198.50	+1.00	...
Deposit Ord	202.30	212.90	+0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.50	146.80	...	...
PRUDENTIAL				
Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	334.90	348.90	-4.30	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS				
1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3228				
Managed Fund	773.80	814.70	-2.20	...
Equity Fund	1432.2	1507.6	-5.00	...
Intl Fund	615.70	648.20	-4.00	...
Fixed Interest	559.90	589.40	+6.90	...
Property Fund	434.60	457.50	+3.60	...
Cash Fund	358.20	377.10	+0.10	...
Pacific Basin	363.60	382.80	-4.60	...
N American Fd	234.90	247.30	-6.20	...
Euro Fund	266.60	280.70	+0.70	...
Balanced Fund	151.20	159.20	-0.60	...
Strategic Fund	160.00	168.50	-0.80	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE				
Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	1291.90	...	...	...
-do- Acc	491.90	517.80	...	...
Op Prop	483.50	509.00	+1.80	...
Op Equity	890.20	937.10	+1.10	...
Op High Yield	563.50	593.20	-0.50	...
Op Managed	792.40	834.20	-4.00	...
Op Deposit	384.60	404.90	...	...
Inc Gth	310.00	326.40	-2.80	...
Japan Smlr	290.70	306.00	-9.80	...
Managed Gth	257.00	270.60	-0.70	...
Gilt	81.70	86.00	-0.40	...
British	362.50	381.60	-2.10	...
Global Bond	115.60	121.70	+1.20	...
Global (35.34)	169.70	178.70	+0.40	...
Gold Share	92.10	97.00	-4.40	...
High Income	306.30	322.50	+1.60	...
Income	407.40	428.90	-0.30	...
Japan	473.40	498.40	+10.00	...
UK Smlr Cos	344.20	362.40	-0.10	...
Mngd Growth	460.20	484.50	-0.60	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE				
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	954.90	1010.4	-8.20	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	380.50	400.50	-3.30	...
Equity Fund	516.60	543.70	-5.30	...
Property Fund	319.20	336.00	-2.20	...
International	492.10	518.00	-7.00	...
Pacific Basin	302.30	318.20	-0.70	...
United States	255.50	268.90	-9.80	...
Gilt Fund	353.00	371.50	-1.30	...
SAVE & PROSPER				
16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	758.80	803.00	+1.30	2.30
Deposit Fund (2)	362.00	383.10	+0.30	5.73
Gilt Fund	505.20	534.70	-4.20	6.42
Global Equity Fd	241.20	255.30	+0.60	...
Property Fund (4)	101.60	107.60	...	6.25
AG Bond Fund	155.90	165.00	-2.60	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE				
150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	572.20	602.40	+1.60	...
Fixed Interest	368.80	388.30	+7.60	...
Index-Linked	196.10	206.50	+2.70	...
International	470.00	494.80	-0.50	...
Property	288.20	303.40	-0.30	...
Cash	225.30	237.20	+0.20	...
Managed	462.40	486.80	+1.40	...
Cap Gteed Bd	107.90	113.60	+0.70	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE				
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	177.69	187.05	+0.10	...
Index-Linked	160.20	168.60	+1.40	...
Fixed Interest	172.70	181.80	+1.80	...
Mixed	251.60	264.80	-0.30	...
UK Equity	235.50	247.80	-0.20	...
International	261.30	275.00	-0.10	...
American	246.10	259.10	-7.00	...
Japan	249.20	262.30	+1.60	...
European	252.70	266.00	+0.60	...
Pacific	370.50	390.00	-0.80	...
Technology	354.10	372.70	-6.50	...
Currncy/Currncy	228.70	240.70	+1.90	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	215.00	226.40	+3.90	...
UK Equity	347.20	365.60	-1.60	...
American	248.10	261.30	-7.80	...
Pacific	369.70	389.20	-0.70	...
European	480.50	505.90	+4.10	...
International	313.80	330.40	-2.50	...
Fixed Interest	237.00	249.60	+7.10	...
Index Linked	194.70	205.10	+2.90	...
Deposit	190.00	200.10	+0.10	...
Managed	283.40	298.50	-0.70	...
Worldwide	127.00	133.80	-1.10	...
Pen Worldwide	135.20	142.50	-1.20	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE				
109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (15)	1685.3	1737.4	...	...
Safety Fund	231.80	244.00	+3.30	...
Growth Fund	227.80	239.80	-0.70	...
Opportunity Fd	221.50	233.20	-0.90	...
Cash Fund	171.00	180.10	+0.10	...
European Fund	347.30	365.60	+4.60	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	197.40	207.80	+6.90	...
Index-Linked Fd	180.00	189.50	+3.40	...
International Fd	292.00	307.40	-2.20	...
North American	239.50	252.20	-10.30	...
Property Fund	130.70	137.60	+10.10	...
UK Equity	236.10	248.60	-1.60	...
UK Smaller	233.70	246.10	-2.20	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT				
6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	268.00	282.20	-1.70	...
Equity	278.30	293.00	-1.90	...
International	284.90	300.00	-4.00	...
Property	229.60	241.70	+5.90	...
Fixed Interest	217.20	228.70	-0.70	...
Index Linked	178.90	188.40	+1.30	...
Cash	183.50	193.30	+0.10	...
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	798.50	849.30	-3.40	...
Cash Fund	332.10	350.00	+0.20	...
Property Fund	250.00	266.00	+6.50	...
Equity Fund	946.00	1006.4	-15.40	...
Fxd Interest Fund	452.50	476.90	-2.20	...
International	422.60	449.60	-6.30	...
High Income	705.90	751.00	-0.90	...
Far East	620.40	660.10	-7.70	...
North American	551.50	586.80	-21.70	...
Special Sits	645.60	686.90	-2.00	...
Technology	536.70	571.00	-33.10	...
Extra Income Fd	378.10	402.30	-2.30	...
Gilt Fund	467.50	497.40	-6.60	...
European	156.90	167.00	+0.40	...
Adventurous Mg	226.10	238.00	-2.90	...
Secure Mgd	145.80	155.20	-0.70	...
Equity Inc Dist	119.20	126.90	-0.80	4.68
North American	113.90	121.20	-0.40	5.28
SCOTTISH WIDOWS				
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	953.00	953.00	...	...
Inv Pol 2	867.60	913.40	...	...
Inv Pol 3	832.20	876.10	...	...
Inv Cash	307.10	323.40	...	...
Mixed Fund	448.90	472.70	-4.10	...
Equity Fund	524.10	551.80	-7.40	...
Property Fund	232.60	244.90	+6.10	...
International Fd	499.70	526.10	-6.40	...
Fixed Interest Fd	366.60	386.10	+3.30	...
Indexed Stock Fd	195.40	205.80	+1.60	...
Cash Fund	223.20	235.10	+0.10	...
SKANDIA LIFE				
Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	372.00	391.50	-3.70	...
Equity Acc	431.30	453.90	-7.00	...
International Acc	354.20	372.80	+4.20	...
Property	230.30	242.40	+1.50	...
Royal Trust Mg	240.30	252.90	-2.00	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO				
3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	263.40	277.30	+0.10	...
Equity	976.30	1027.7	-0.60	...
European	172.30	181.40	+1.10	...
Far East	172.90	182.00	-0.90	...
Fixed Interest	392.90	413.60	+7.30	...
Index Linked	207.10	218.10	+2.20	...
International	621.60	654.40	-3.70	...
Managed	692.20	728.70	-0.50	...
Nth American	141.60	149.10	-4.40	...
Property	348.00	366.40	+2.40	...
Pensions				
Cash	407.50	429.00	+0.30	...
Equity	1400.5	1474.3	-1.80	...
European	207.00	217.80	+1.20	...
Far East	138.60	145.90	-0.80	...
Fixed Interest	533.40	561.50	+9.70	...
Index Linked	286.90	301.60	+3.30	...
International	876.80	923.00	-0.30	...
Managed	969.30	1020.4	-0.80	...
Nth American	176.50	185.80	-6.00	...
Property	465.30	489.80	-12.20	...
Stock Exchange	218.50	230.10	-0.30	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	653.40	689.90	+0.60	...
Equity Fund	851.70	896.60	-9.30	...
Fixed Interest Fd	410.50	432.20	-5.10	...
Index-Linked Fd	312.10	328.80	+4.20	...
Property Fund	511.40	540.50	+4.30	...
International Fd	637.70	671.30	-11.30	...
N American Fd	244.10	257.00	-10.30	...
Far East Fund	237.10	249.60	+5.60	...
Deposit Fund	290.00	305.30	+0.30	...
International Bd	£89.22	...	-1.90	...
Worldwide Bond	158.70	167.10	+2.00	...
Worldwide Fincl	80.30	84.60	...	...
Worldwide Tech	95.70	100.80	+0.10	...
European	170.30	179.30	+0.30	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	652.50	687.00	-0.80	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	479.30	513.10	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£589.80	...	+4.80	...
-do- Acc	£551.70	...	+4.40	...
Agricultural Fd	£900.60	...	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	£769.10	...	+0.60	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£435.20	...	+2.00	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£461.60	...	+2.10	...
Investment Fd	£347.60	...	+0.40	...
Investment (A)	£334.10	...	+0.40	...
Equity	£1235.0	...	+13.10	...
Equity Acc	£1184.5	...	+12.10	...
Money Fund	£460.80	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£441.20	...	+0.30	...
Actuarial Fd	£573.80	...	+1.20	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£383.50	...	+4.40	...
-do- Acc	£381.50	...	+4.40	...
Retire Annuity	£1177.8	...	...	...
Immed Annuity	£315.50	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	£221.50	...	+0.10	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£1412.1	...	-23.90	...
Managed Acc	£811.10	...	-21.80	...
Equity Account	£1136.5	...	-34.50	...
Mngd Fund Acc	374.60	394.30	-10.60	...
Equity Fund Acc	498.70	524.90	-18.30	...
Prop Fund Acc	247.30	260.30	+0.30	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	304.60	320.70	-7.60	...
Money Fund Acc	216.70	228.10	...	...
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	202.90	213.60	-5.40	...
Pers Pens Acct	£1846.8	...	-39.80	...
Pens Mngd Acct	858.60	903.80	-19.50	...
Pens Guarantee	237.50	250.00	+0.40	...
Pens Equity	325.80	342.90	-8.90	...
Pens Property	280.30	294.90	+0.40	...
Pens Fixed Int	276.40	290.90	-8.00	...
Pens Ltd	248.60	261.60	-4.20	...
Pens Money	229.90	242.00	...	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	192.80	203.00	-1.60	...
SUN LIFE UNIT				
St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	896.40	943.60	-3.50	...
Property Acc	329.70	347.10	-7.20	...
Equity Acc	1429.4	1504.7	-10.20	...
Fixed Int Acc	385.50	405.80	+0.90	...
Index-Linked Acc	200.30	210.90	+1.40	...
Cash Acc	303.20	319.20	+0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	361.70	380.80	-6.50	...
Japan Acc	329.20	346.60	+6.70	...
Pacific Acc	351.00	369.50	-0.30	...
Far Eastern Acc	845.20	889.70	+3.60	...
International Acc	606.90	638.90	-1.10	...
Distribution Fund	286.30	301.40	-1.60	5.81
European	200.00	210.60	+0.80	...
TSB LIFE LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	277.60	292.30	-1.60	...
Property Fund	215.40	226.90	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	221.20	232.90	-0.20	...
Money Fund	196.30	206.60	+0.10	...
Equity Fund	370.00	389.50	-1.10	...
TARGET LIFE				
The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	244.70	257.70	+0.10	...
Financial Ser 1	47.10	50.70	-0.70	...
Fixed Interest	319.20	336.10	...	...
Gold	93.80	98.80	-2.70	...
Managed	626.70	659.80	+7.10	...
Mngd Growth	203.60	214.40	+7.30	...
Mngd Opp	215.70	227.20	+8.50	...
Property	309.90	326.30	+11.70	...
Residential Prop	95.50	100.70	-0.10	...
TSB American	202.60	213.40	-7.40	...
TSB Brit Gwth	811.70	854.50	+6.40	...
TSB European	288.90	304.20	+5.80	...
TSB Income	395.40	416.30	-2.10	...
TSB Intl	432.70	455.50	+3.20	...
TSB Intl Inc	285.80	300.90	+0.60	...
TSB Pacific	440.70	464.00	+10.70	...
TSB Prem Inc	258.80	270.50	-0.10	...
WINDSOR LIFE				
Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 0952 292929				
Managed Bond	685.70	722.50	-6.10	...
Money Fund	311.00	327.40	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	639.70	674.10	...	...
Fixed Interest	278.00	292.90	...	...
Property Fund	351.40	369.90	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	577.80	608.90	-33.00	...
Income	734.20	773.70	-10.10	...
International Gth	636.80	671.00	-17.90	...
Capital Fund	642.20	676.70	-6.00	...
Recovery Fund	665.00	700.70	-17.00	...
Japan & General	296.80	312.80	+2.70	...

GUARANTEED INVESTMENT

MONTHLY INCOME OPTION

NOVA GROWTH BOND

(ISSUE 3)

YEAR 5 8·5% FIXED GROSS

YEAR 4 7·5% FIXED GROSS

YEAR 3 7·0% FIXED GROSS

YEAR 2 6·5% FIXED GROSS

YEAR 1 6·0% FIXED GROSS

Please complete the freepost coupon or call in at your local branch for further details.

TELEPHONE 091 261 6622 IN OR OUT OF OFFICE HOURS

PLEASE PLACE COUPON IN AN ENVELOPE AND POST TO- NEWCASTLE BUILDING SOCIETY, FREEPOST, HOOD STREET, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE1 1BR.

I ENCLOSE A CHEQUE FOR £______ (MIN £2,000, MAX £300,000) TO BE INVESTED IN A NOVA GROWTH BOND (ISSUE 3). CHEQUES SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY PROOF OF IDENTITY WHICH SHOWS YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. THIS WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU. EG DRIVERS LICENCE, TELEPHONE/ GAS/ ELECTRICITY BILL.

NAME ______ SIGNATURE ______

ADDRESS ______

POSTCODE ______

HOME TEL NO. ______ DATE ______

NEWCASTLE BUILDING SOCIETY

Principal Office: Hood Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6JP. Telephone: (091) 232 6676.

Only one investment per account. No additional investments accepted. Interest paid net of basic rate tax (currently 25%) or, subject to the required certification, gross. Cheques invested will earn interest from the fourth working day (inclusive) after receipt, until the day prior to withdrawal. Working days exclude Saturdays, Sundays & English Bank Holidays.

T

DAY *follows* NIGHT

And every new day during 1993 saw us paying out, on average, over £5.5 million in benefits to policyholders and beneficiaries. Not really surprising for a company with over £44,000 million under management at the end of 1993 and an AAA rating from Standard & Poor's for claims paying ability.

A sales career with Sun Life of Canada

To the right candidates, we offer a lifetime career that provides both financial security and job satisfaction. As you are paid by results, the harder you work the more you earn. But as an employee you really belong - with a company which is geared to *helping you achieve your goals.*

With a wide range of highly competitive products and services, full and continuous training and free administrative back-up, you look after the clients - we look after you. We offer financial assistance to get you started, a non-contributory pension scheme, free group life cover, discounted health insurance, long term disability benefits, negotiated tax concessions and a productivity bonus scheme.

You will probably have a minimum of two years experience in selling financial services. If you want to work for a company that will back you up - not hold you back - you belong at Sun Life of Canada.

For your free introductory video outlining the benefits of a sales career with Sun Life of Canada call Brian Williams on **0800 525355**, or complete the coupon below.

SunLife of Canada

For further information on a sales career with Sun Life of Canada please complete and return to Brian Williams, Divisional Development Manager, Sun Life of Canada, FREEPOST, Basing View, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 2BR

Code. 3TT 2/4

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other:______ Name:______

Address:______

Post Code:______ Telephone Number:______

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. Incorporated in Canada in 1865 as a Limited Company. A Mutual Company since 1962. A member of LAUTRO. A member of the Association of British Insurers.

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

Gamblers go plastic



Grand National fancies, The Fellow and Young Hustler, bearing the hopes of gamblers betting with debit cards

Betting is winning new clients with a new facility, says Liz Dolan

The 40 horses lining up for next Saturday's Grand National will be carrying an estimated £75 million-worth of punters' money on their backs. While most of that money will have been handed over in the form of cash, betting by debit card over the telephone is a fast-growing alternative.

Ladbroke, Britain's biggest largest bookmaker, was the first to introduce the system in 1991. Three years later, more than half of all telephone bets are made using debit cards. "We think that's a staggering figure in so short a time," says Paul Austin, of Ladbroke. "The growth has been spectacular."

In expectation of a further explosion in demand in the run-up to this year's National, Ladbroke has tripled its debit card betting capacity. A Mercury freefone service, staffed by more than 500 specially-trained operators, will be available purely to take debit card calls in the week before the race. Lines will stay open for all of Friday night. Some Labroke shops will also accept debit cards over the counter and all will take cheques backed by a guarantee card.

Corals says that debit card usage doubled for last year's ill-fated Grand National compared with the previous year, when it introduced the system. When the 1993 race was declared void, the new breed of plastic gamblers got an instant lesson in convenience. While conventional over-the-counter punters were forced to hunt out their betting slips and trail down to the bookies for a refund, the bank accounts of those who had bet by debit card were recredited automatically. Winnings are credited in the same fashion.

"We believe we're tapping in to a market not previously catered for," says Graham Sharpe, of William Hill.

Malcolm Palmer, of Corals, agrees. Some callers are obviously existing customers attracted by the idea of betting by telephone from the comfort of their armchairs or office desks, he says. Others, however, are new clients who were previously deterred either by the bother of visiting betting shops, or by their perceived seediness. The latter point is thought to apply especially to women.

Plastic punters cannot use their credit cards, because gambling debts are not legally recoverable.

Telephone:
Ladbroke 0500-100230;
William Hill 0800-444040;
Corals 0800-242232;
Stanley 051-258 1333.
All but the last are freefone.

A PUNTER'S GUIDE

- A 10 per cent tax is levied on all bets made in betting shops, but not with race-track bookmakers.
- Punters must remember to add 10 per cent to the initial stake, or they will have to sacrifice one tenth of any winnings in tax.
- If they are betting on a single event, such as a race, a football match or a white Christmas, it makes no difference whether the extra 10 per cent is added to the stake, or entered separately in the "tax paid" box on the betting slip.
- For multiple bets, which depend on a series of eventualities, tax must be declared separately.

BRIEFING

- The insurance arm of the Automobile Association has issued a seasonal reminder to motorists that although the Green Card is no longer a statutory requirement for drivers in Europe, they may be insured for less than they think if they do not have one. Motorists must tell their insurer they are taking their car abroad, or they will be covered only to the minimum level for that country, which is likely to be third party only.
- Bankers' references on customers' ability to meet future payments, are covered by new rules since the launch of the second edition of the Banks' and Building Societies' Code of Practice this week. Enquirers will now contact the customer's bank direct but only after they have obtained the customers' written permission. Customers have formerly been unaware of the enquiries or the replies. Banks can charge either their customer or the enquirer for providing a reference. Most have decided to charge the enquirer between £8 and £10.

PEP FUND

Morgan Grenfell European Growth Trust.

	Total Return* Since Launch	Total Return* Past 5 Years
Morgan Grenfell European Growth	£3,909	£2,578
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

No.1 in Europe.

CONSISTENT EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE

The Morgan Grenfell European Growth Trust is the top performing European Growth Trust in its sector over the last five years as well as since its launch on 11th April 1988.

An investment of £1,000 invested at launch would now be worth £3,909* representing a compound annual return of 26%*, significantly outperforming the average European Fund.

INVEST NOW

Against a background of falling interest rates and economic recovery, we expect European stocks to generate substantial growth in the medium term and the Morgan Grenfell European Growth Trust and European PEP are ideal ways to take advantage of the wealth of European investment opportunities.

For further details please contact your Financial Adviser. Alternatively call us free today on **0800 282465** or complete the coupon below.

To: Morgan Grenfell Investment Funds Ltd., 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT.

Please send me further details of the Morgan Grenfell European Growth Trust ☐ Morgan Grenfell European Growth PEP ☐ (Please tick box)

Full Name _____

Address _____

_____

_____

_____ TMS 2/4/94

Postcode _____

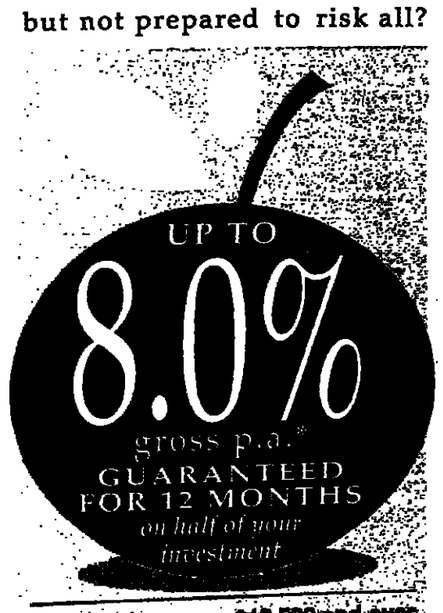
MORGAN GRENFELL Investment Funds

*Source: Micropal offer to bid, net income reinvested since launch (11.4.88), and 1.3.89 to 1.3.94.
Please remember that the value of units and income from them may fall as well as rise (this may partly be the result of exchange rate fluctuations), and the investor may not get back the original amount invested. Tax rates and reliefs are those applicable at time of printing and may be subject to change. Their value will depend upon individual circumstances.
Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance.
Issued by Morgan Grenfell Investment Funds Ltd, 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Member of IMRO. Morgan Grenfell Investment Funds Ltd is an appointed representative of Morgan Grenfell Unit Trust Managers Ltd which is a member of IMRO LAUTRO and the AUTIF.

£5,000 OR MORE TO INVEST?

LOOKING FOR RICH PICKINGS

but not prepared to risk all?



8.0% gross p.a. on £12,500 and over

7.0% gross p.a. on £2,500 – £12,499

*Interest will be paid gross to non-taxpayers subject to eligibility and the required registration. Otherwise, interest will be paid after deduction of basic rate income Tax.
Fixed rates of interest are guaranteed for the first 12 months. From the first anniversary of the opening of your account, the gross interest rates payable on the Norwich and Peterborough Investment Plus high interest account will become variable but are guaranteed to be at least equal to Barclays Bank Base Rate until 1st January 1995.
If you cancel your Commercial Union Classic Investment Bond within the first twelve months, the interest rate payable on your Norwich and Peterborough Investment Plus high interest account will be reduced by 2% gross p.a. for the whole of the first twelve months.

In these days of low interest rates, the question is, how to improve your investment return without running unnecessary risks? Commercial Union Life Assurance Company Limited and Norwich and Peterborough Building Society have joined forces to provide the answer. Between them they have devised Investment Plus. It allows you to enjoy the benefit of their respective investment qualities.

How it works. The principle is simple. Your investment is divided equally between a special high interest building society account and a long-established managed investment fund.

A high degree of security. Half of your investment will earn up to 8.0% gross p.a. guaranteed for 12 months, through the special Investment Plus high interest account created by Norwich and Peterborough Building Society.*

INVESTMENT plus

Excellent growth prospects. The remaining half of your investment will enjoy excellent prospects for capital growth provided by Commercial Union's Classic Investment Bond. The investment strategy is to achieve growth over the medium to long term through a range of carefully selected investments in stocks, shares, property and fixed interest investments. However, you should remember that this part of your investment's value can go down as well as up.

Phone free for details. It's all very straightforward, as you will see when you send for full details. These come promptly, without any obligation of any kind. Phone for your information pack now on 0800 387856. Or post the coupon below and within a day or two you'll have all the facts you need to decide.

Norwich and Peterborough Building Society, Peterborough Business Park, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6WZ. Member of The Building Societies Association. Member of LINK. Assets exceed £1.3 billion. Norwich and Peterborough Building Society is an Appointed Representative of the Commercial Union Marketing Group (Members of which are Members of Lautro and/or IMRO) for Life Assurance and Pensions, Unit Trusts, UCITS and PEPs only.
Commercial Union Life Assurance Company Limited. Registered in England No. 79678. Registered Office: St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ. A member of the Insurance Ombudsman Bureau and Lautro. A member of the Commercial Union Marketing Group which provides Life Assurance, Pensions, Annuities, Unit Trusts, UCITS and PEPs.

PLUS EXCELLENT GROWTH PROSPECTS *on the remainder* TI01

DETAILS BY RETURN NO OBLIGATION

To: Investment Plus Unit, Norwich and Peterborough Building Society, FREEPOST PE104, PETERBOROUGH PE2 6BR

CALL OUR CUSTOMER ADVICE LINE ON 0800 387856

Please send me full details of Investment Plus. TI01

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) _____

Address _____

_____

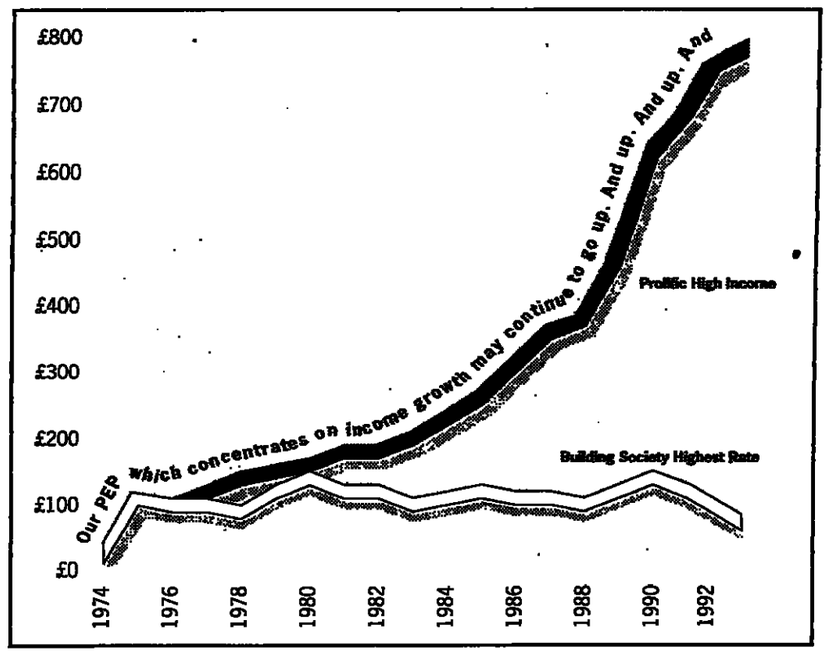
Postcode _____

COMMERCIAL UNION Life Assurance

Norwich and Peterborough

PLEASE CONCENTRATE:

INITIAL CHARGE REDUCED TO 3% OF THE AMOUNT INVESTED. NO EXIT CHARGE



Net annual income from a £1,000 investment in Prolific High Income Unit Trust since launch 2.9.74 compared with a similar sum in a building society highest rate account. Source: Micropal.

If it's income you're looking for, why look further than our tax-free High Income PEP? Whilst concentrating on achieving uninterrupted year on year income growth, it also never ignores the importance of capital growth. So, had you the opportunity to invest 19 years ago, your original capital would now be 20 times greater* as opposed to a building society where the capital wouldn't have grown at all.

We achieve this high performance by adopting our Active Earnings Driven Strategy. However, for the full picture, get the objective view from your independent financial adviser or, if you don't have one, call the:

IFA Promotion Line on
Freephone 0800 387 946

for a list of independent financial advisers in your area. Alternatively, complete the coupon.
And now our initial charges are down to 3% of the amount you invest until 1st June 1994 – with no exit charges – things can really start to look up.

Please send me details about the Prolific High Income PEP. Please return this coupon to Prolific Unit Trust Managers Ltd. FREEPOST, London EC4B 4JY.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____

_____ POSTCODE _____ PG/03/02/04

If you do not wish to receive any further mailings from Prolific, please tick the box. ☐

PROLIFIC
CONCENTRATING ON INVESTMENT

*Source Micropal offer to bid to 1st March 1994, income not reinvested. Over 5 years, the capital value would have grown to £1,327, plus net income payments in 1993 totalling £52. The building society highest rate would have had no capital growth and interest in 1993 of £47

Please remember that past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. The price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up. Exchange rates may also cause the value of underlying overseas investments to go down or up. The tax treatment of PEPs may be changed by future legislation.

Issued by Prolific Unit Trust Managers Ltd. A member of IMRO, LAUTRO & AUTIF

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Bid Offer Wkly +/- Yld %

AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
51 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1RZ
0895 259 783
Grofund Amer 161.90 170.40 - 5.40 ...
Grofund Equity 233.90 247.50 - 2.60 1.85
Grofur 1 Euro 199.60 210.10 - 0.20 ...
Grofund Expt Bal 115.40 119.60 ... 1.41
Grofund Gilt 76.61 78.98 + 0.05 4.51
Grofund Japan 188.10 198.00 + 1.60 ...

AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
Equity & Law Hse, Corpa St, Coventry
0203 553 231
General Acc 514.10 547.00* - 2.10 2.42
General Inc 459.40 488.80* - 1.90 2.42
UK Growth Acc 347.30 369.50 - 1.60 2.62
UK Growth Inc 243.20 258.80 - 1.10 2.62
Higher Inc Acc 645.30 686.40 + 1.20 3.58
Higher Inc Inc 385.80 410.50 + 0.60 3.58
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc 184.30 194.60* + 1.70 5.99
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc 92.04 97.21* + 0.85 5.99
Nth America 251.00 267.10 - 8.90 ...
Far East 356.70 379.50 + 4.60 0.01
Europe 273.40 290.90* + 4.50 0.67
Brit Excell 69.61 74.06 + 0.75 2.77
Brit Fndmtls Acc 97.76 104.00* - 0.20 4.51
Brit Fndmtls Inc 73.29 77.97* - 0.17 4.51
Global Opps 84.01 89.38 - 1.83 ...
Balanced Acc 52.69 56.06* - 0.13 2.55
Balanced Inc 52.22 55.56* - 0.04 2.55

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373
High Income
Gilts & Fixed Int 131.80 139.80* + 0.10 5.72
High Inc Equity 165.60 176.20 + 0.30 4.47
Worldwide Bond 274.20 290.70* + 2.20 3.61
Capital Growth
American Growth 293.50 312.20 -13.10 .37
Asian Pacific 336.50 358.00 + 5.60 ...
Assets & Earnings 264.60 281.50 - 3.70 1.92
Cmmdty & Energy 121.10 128.80* -11.30 ...
1992 Enterprise 93.34 99.30 - 0.14 1.70
Euro Capital Inc 132.10 140.50 + 0.40 .69
General 226.10 240.50* - 2.30 2.26
Japan 134.20 142.80 + 1.10 ...
Mastertrust 144.50 153.70 - 0.40 .98
UK Growth Dist 139.10 148.00 + 2.20 1.67
US Emerging Cos 135.70 144.40 -10.00 ...
Income & Growth 383.90 408.40 - 6.00 3.21
Ethical 73.23 77.97 - 0.57 2.18
International 115.60 123.00 - 1.60 .26

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS
031 220 0733
UK Small Cos £17.66 £18.01 -£1.00 ...

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
0800 833 580
Aberdeen Portfolio 61.21 62.26 - 0.40 0.79
Amer Inc & Growth 44.16 46.58 - 1.56 0.67
Cash 50.15 50.15* + 0.03 4.49
European 108.00 114.70 + 0.40 ...
European Income 100.90 107.20* + 0.20 1.39
Exempt £10.32 £10.88 -23.10 3.48
Extra Income 52.66 57.63* - 0.49 4.52
Far East Emg Ecn 109.10 118.00 + 1.10 0.53
Fixed Interest 24.76 26.43* - 0.57 6.95
Fund Inv Tst 180.00 192.50 - 2.80 0.87
Japan 204.30 217.50 + 2.00 ...
Latin American 73.59 78.32 - 0.46 0.61
Pacific 71.06 76.09 + 0.41 0.35
Property Share 70.70 75.47 - 1.82 1.73
UK Emerging Cos 68.10 72.69 - 1.34 1.70
UK Growth 44.07 47.53 - 0.36 2.46
World Growth 74.62 79.65 - 0.28 0.68

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336
UK Equity Income 93.01 98.95 - 0.75 3.14
UK Equity Growth 84.04 89.40 - 0.86 2.18
European 67.65 71.97 - 0.36 0.75
Nth American 66.63 70.88 - 2.07 0.99
Far Eastern 72.99 77.65 - 1.31 0.41
Money 65.63 65.63 + 0.04 3.93

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF
031 549 3232
British Growth 69.07 73.48 - 0.50 2.51
British Income 77.92 82.89 - 0.53 3.48
Select Portfolio 87.94 93.55 - 0.85 ...

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR
0452 305 958
Amity Income 76.31 80.97 - 0.57 2.01
Income Builder Inc 67.72 72.04 - 0.59 2.81

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514
Balanced Trusts
Growth & Income 234.70 250.80* - 5.30 3.01
Capital 422.10 451.20* - 5.20 1.96
Balanced 694.50 742.40 - 4.70 2.44
Accumulator £12.26 £13.10 - 9.00 2.82
Income Trusts
American Income 48.01 51.32 - 0.89 3.33
High Income 410.70 439.00* - 3.40 3.43
Equity Income 232.90 248.90* - 2.40 3.51
High Yield 254.50 272.00 - 3.00 3.45
Govt Securities 34.33 36.23 + 0.53 5.05
International Trusts
Amer Spec Sits 133.30 142.40* - 6.10 0.21
European Growth 34.92 37.17 + 0.50 0.43
International 162.80 173.70 - 2.30 0.22
Japan 230.00 245.10* - 0.10 0.01
Pacific 415.90 444.50 - 4.80 0.18
Secs of America 414.10 440.60* -21.00 0.54
Wwide Asset Val 48.49 51.80 - 0.58 0.02
Specialist Trusts
Asset Value 523.00 559.00 - 5.00 2.24
Conv & Gilt 47.44 50.71 - 0.47 3.98
Smaller Cos 178.60 190.90* - 1.50 0.84
2nd Smaller Cos 170.60 182.30* - 1.50 0.98
Recovery 145.40 155.40 - 2.00 1.79
Met Min & Cdty 152.50 163.00 - 9.70 0.89
Oseas Earnings 357.80 382.40* - 3.20 1.84

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911
Cntrctd Out Pens 102.70 106.60 ... 1.45
Foundtn Persl Pens 64.48 66.99 ... 4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE
071 251 6767
Capital 70.60 75.11 - 0.29 2.71
International 62.95 66.97 - 1.74 0.50

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY
031 222 4242
America 303.40 327.60 -18.30 ...
Bond 118.00 124.00 + 1.30 6.30
Brit Smlr Cos 102.70 109.30 - 0.90 0.92
Conv & Gen 64.14 68.45* - 1.00 5.07
Energy 424.90 460.90 -17.60 0.22
Europe 237.10 252.00 + 2.10 0.46
Euro Smlr Cos 106.40 112.90 + 1.00 0.84
Income Gwth 353.00 376.70* - 2.90 4.03
Japan 341.10 362.80 - 1.30 ...
Pacific 106.70 113.50 - 0.20 0.70
UK Smllr Cos 51.69 54.99 - 0.62 0.78

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673
Brit & Oseas 298.60 303.80 ... 1.21
Capital Gwth 115.80 121.70 - 2.00 2.18
Wwide Opps 183.70 193.40 - 1.90 0.46

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544
Balanced Trusts
Bsn Inv Fd Inc 344.00 358.30 - 2.40 2.46
European Bd Inc 95.64 99.02 + 0.47 7.33
Exempt 74.63 79.61 - 0.74 4.00
Financial 72.24 77.27 - 0.71 2.36
500 00 463.90 496.10* - 6.80 2.10
General 266.30 284.90* - 2.70 2.44
Property 248.70 266.00 ... 5.43
Trustee 183.70 196.40 - 3.00 2.03
Income Trusts
Cash Inc 100.00 100.00* - 0.80 4.38
Extra Income 117.90 126.10 - 1.20 3.90
Gilt & Fxd Int 58.60 60.56* - 0.05 8.05
Income 532.30 569.30 - 6.10 3.83
Income Builder 64.33 68.44* - 0.54 4.51
Intl Income 66.51 70.76 - 0.93 2.98
Growth Trusts - UK
Capital 113.20 120.70* - 0.80 2.44
Leisure 122.30 130.80 + 1.30 0.79
Recovery 413.10 441.80 - 6.50 2.34
Smllr Cos Inc 43.73 46.90 - 0.71 1.73
Special Sits 279.00 298.40 - 3.60 1.48
Growth Trusts - Overseas
America 130.30 138.30 - 7.00 0.13
Aust Acc 253.80 270.00 -12.10 1.42
Aust Inc 158.90 169.00 - 7.50 1.42
Euro Gwth Inc 146.30 155.00 ... 0.31
Japan & Gen Inc 195.30 206.80* + 3.10 ...
Japan Spec Sits 88.43 93.68 + 2.60 ...

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002
American Growth 97.00 102.80 - 4.70 ...
Amer Smllr Cos 130.90 140.20 - 8.50 ...
Cash Trust 50.75 50.75 - 0.03 4.50
Convertibles 60.65 64.86* - 0.74 5.60
Eastern 262.40 282.80 - 6.30 0.10
Equity Income 89.91 95.64 + 0.12 4.80
European Growth 293.70 312.40 + 2.00 1.00
Europe 218.00 233.70 + 2.30 1.00
German Growth 69.96 74.53 - 0.29 0.70
Global Bond 66.81 70.53 + 0.41 5.30
Global Growth 126.40 134.80 - 3.10 ...
Japan Growth 220.90 237.00 - 1.50 ...
Japan Sunrise 190.80 204.30 + 1.20 ...
Korea Trust 72.69 81.12 - 1.29 ...
Portfolio 132.50 141.50* - 1.30 1.60
UK Growth 91.32 97.14 - 1.10 2.40

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3300
Intl Gwth Port Inc 90.02 85.13 - 1.08
Special Oppor Inc 55.38 58.91 - 0.07 .

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441
Special Sits 176.90 189.21 - 5.30 0.65
Dividend 81.61 87.28 + 0.58 3.79
Fst Gilt & Inc 217.10 232.30 - 4.20 2.29
UK & Gen 44.18 47.25* - 0.46 0.94
Fund of Funds 66.40 71.02* - 0.84 ...

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 223 6820
Balanced Growth 105.09 111.20* - 2.08 1.27
Smaller Cos 104.27 110.33 - 1.24 0.07
Higher Yield 44.03 46.60* - 0.75 2.42
American Gth Inc 74.67 79.02 - 4.44 ...
European Growth 136.15 144.07* + 0.53 ...
Global Bond Inc 29.12 30.80 - 0.08 5.90
Mngd Ptflio Inc 43.31 45.83* - 0.90 0.94
Intl Spec Opps 120.21 127.21 - 4.85 ...
Pacific Grth 130.97 138.59 + 0.54 ...
Formerly LAS
European 92.85 98.25 - 0.27 0.40
Extra Income 25.08 26.54 - 0.26 3.25
Far East 31.52 33.35 - 0.03 0.27
Income & Gwth 75.67 80.07 - 1.88 3.73
Intl Growth 57.75 61.11 - 1.58 0.26
Japan 68.47 72.46 + 0.71 ...
Maximum Dist 93.72 100.70 - 0.20 6.97
Nth Amer Equity 40.58 42.94 - 2.96 0.10
UK Equity 90.90 96.19 - 1.16 2.23

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7236
Short Dated Gilt 66.37 65.20* - 0.60 5.69

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060
Environ 153.40 163.20 - 1.00 1.47
UK Growth 162.40 172.80* - 1.90 1.99
UK Income 134.50 143.10 - 1.30 4.06

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 122
Can Gen Dist 181.40 192.30 - 1.70 1.88
-do- Income Dist 108.80 115.40 - 1.00 4.63
Gilt & Fxd Int 41.16 43.63* + 0.65 6.23

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
38 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362
American & Gen 144.70 154.00 - 5.30 ...
European Inc 79.09 83.90 + 0.16 0.35
Smaller Cos (4-1) 82.78 88.07* - 0.88 1.35
Growth 422.70 452.10* - 2.90 2.14
Income & Growth 403.60 428.40* - 1.70 3.78
Japan & Gen 77.29 82.23* + 0.25 ...
Master Portfolio £106.4 £108.9 -157.0 1.30

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561
American Gwth Tst 35.77 38.25 - 1.95 0.23
Cash Income 50.69 50.69 + 0.03 5.09
European Gwth 39.74 42.39 + 0.45 0.36
Income & Gwth Inc 27.42 29.32* + 0.07 4.22
Intnl Gwth 31.14 33.30 - 0.28 0.55
Japan Gwth 28.82 30.82 + 0.32 ...
Managed Tst Inc 48.20 51.55 - 0.65 1.96
Oriental Opps Inc 137.20 146.70 - 1.30 ...
Property Shares 41.89 44.80 - 3.26 0.61
Smaller Cos 31.67 33.87 - 0.42 1.56
UK Growth Tst 25.46 27.22 - 0.12 2.21
Formerly Brown Shipley
European Inc 26.18 28.00 + 0.36 0.38
European Acc 27.16 29.04 + 0.37 0.38
Financial 148.00 158.20* - 0.10 1.77
Foundation 90.82 97.13* - 0.55 2.27
German 51.16 54.71 + 0.32 ...
High Income 75.26 80.49* - 0.90 5.49
Income 136.10 145.50 + 1.30 3.70
Intl Growth 38.27 40.92 - 0.04 ...
Mngd Ptflio Inc 102.20 109.30 - 0.80 1.69
Mngd Ptflio Acc 195.40 208.90 - 1.50 1.69
Monthly Income 84.01 89.85* - 0.51 3.84
North American 102.80 109.90 - 2.80 ...
Orient 146.30 156.40 + 3.10 ...

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708
Cazenove Portfolio 80.79 86.34 - 0.07 2.23
American Portfolio 87.77 93.66 - 2.13 1.03
European Portfolio 95.26 101.56 + 0.75 0.95
Japanese Portfolio 73.26 77.88 + 0.84 ...
Pacific Portfolio 135.89 146.12 - 1.57 0.78
UK Inc & Growth 73.97 79.21 + 0.07 3.73
Utility & Bond 53.24 55.94 + 1.13 6.44

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 9080
UK General Tst 62.65 66.64 - 0.44 3.00

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7667
Intl Growth 140.95 152.71 - 3.26 ...
UK Growth 110.48 119.39 ... ...
UK Income 113.64 123.19 - 2.96 3.81

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966
Beckman Intl 83.29 88.16 - 2.75 1.89
Beck Bio-Tech 35.07 37.31 - 2.74 ...
Acorn Ethical Tst 163.12 171.71 ... 1.23
City Fin Assets 73.62 77.49 - 1.42 1.63
City Fin America 81.58 85.87 - 4.22 ...
City Fin Intl 76.78 80.82 - 0.72 0.48
City Fin Japan 184.59 194.31 + 8.67 ...
Friars Hse Cap 277.03 293.15 - 6.70 2.28
Friars Hse Inc 204.36 221.20 - 2.86 4.83
Buckley Wrld Grth 135.79 144.49* - 1.25 0.08
Fairmnt Cap Gth 142.99 150.09 - 2.32 ...
-do- Inc & Gth 115.21 121.27 - 2.46 1.63

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0892 412 144
Emerging Markets 53.54 56.81 - 1.28 ...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393
American Gwth 57.49 61.49 - 2.99 ...
Allis Mngd Gwth 37.01 39.80 - 0.75 0.21
Dragon Growth 67.63 72.33 - 0.44 0.54
Equity High Inc 81.49 86.69* - 0.50 3.66
European Gwth 49.94 53.13 + 0.42 0.80
Evergreen 30.74 32.88 - 0.76 ...
General Equity 82.51 87.54 - 0.89 2.31
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 25.54 26.88 + 0.42 7.82
Japan Growth 53.52 57.78 + 0.06 ...
Pedigree Gwth 49.95 53.14 - 0.45 2.24
Pcd Sm Cos Inc 32.91 35.01 - 0.35 0.64
Retirement Inc 25.71 27.65 - 0.12 5.33

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 890 000
Capital 63.49 67.90* + 0.27 2.39
Income 58.76 62.84* + 1.64 3.93

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)
Income Funds
Equity Inc 159.72 169.91* - 5.68 5.20
Fixed & Convertible 42.33 45.03* - 1.31 5.67
Monthly Inc Plus 51.09 54.35* - 0.84 8.24
Preference Share 48.92 52.04* - 1.14 7.10
Balanced Funds
High Yield 128.41 136.61* - 4.80 6.98
Managed Fund 67.22 71.51* - 0.70 2.82
UK Growth Funds
Smaller Cos 42.34 45.04* - 1.00 1.88
UK & General 73.14 79.96* - 1.30 2.71
UK Growth 132.80 141.28* - 0.73 1.63
International Growth Funds
Europe Growth 193.07 205.39* + 1.43 ...
Far Eastern Grth 132.03 140.46* + 0.08 0.30
Global Bond 83.13 88.38* - 1.10 6.00
Japan Growth 131.95 140.37* + 2.70 ...
North Amer Grth 157.03 167.05* - 4.13 ...
Oriental Growth 75.14 79.96* - 0.32 ...
Worldwide Growth 65.56 69.74* - 0.79 0.24

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 840
Growth Inc 57.03 60.66 - 0.54 2.80
High Income 33.60 35.74 - 0.29 4.70
Japan 37.90 40.31 ... ...
Smaller Cos Inc 32.44 34.51 - 0.34 2.30
Smaller Cos 33.76 35.91 - 0.38 2.30
North American 31.86 33.89 - 1.08 0.40
European 37.45 39.83 + 0.16 0.50

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966
Consistent UT 31.05 33.32* - 0.41 3.24

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358
Growth 147.20 156.70 + 1.10 1.76
Income 73.34 78.03 - 0.27 4.39
European 61.39 65.31 + 0.24 0.62
Recovery 138.30 147.20* - 0.20 1.35

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494
Equity Dist 837.40 851.50 ... 3.63

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 690 370
Fellowship Tst 71.06 75.60* - 0.50 1.35
Income 235.30 250.40 - 0.60 4.49
Smaller Cos 151.40 161.10 - 1.70 1.26
Inv Portfolio 75.89 80.74 - 0.74 1.48
High Income Port 66.73 70.99 - 0.08 4.50

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 410 0177
Euro Small Cos £15.71 £16.06 +18.70 ...
Japan Small Cos £11.38 £11.63 +30.60 ...
UK Small Cos £18.07 £18.85 -53.80 ...
US Small Cos £16.22 £16.67 -92.10 ...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8819
Disc Inc 196.00 206.30 ... 2.64

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500
European Gwth 265.40 280.50 + 4.40 1.07
New Asia 206.50 224.30 - 2.30 0.35
Japan Growth 135.00 143.60 + 2.00 ...
Jap Smllr Co 568.00 603.60 +14.30 ...
Nth Amer 246.70 261.90 - 8.70 0.93
Shifrd Asia Pac Mt 116.00 123.30 - 2.00 0.51
UK Inc & Grth 214.80 229.20 - 1.80 3.53

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555
UK Balanced Inc 138.30 147.10 - 1.40 1.82
UK High Inc Inc 153.30 163.10 - 1.20 4.89
UK Pref & F I Inc 59.69 63.29 + 0.28 4.95
Envmntl Opps 82.09 87.33 - 0.55 1.41

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526
American 120.60 128.40 - 3.20 0.16
Convertibles 23.39 24.85* - 0.20 6.64
Equity Income 129.00 137.10 - 0.70 3.65
EuroFund 45.65 48.28 + 0.39 0.83
Financial 48.38 51.40 - 0.33 1.56
Growth & Inc 228.50 242.80 - 2.40 3.09
High Dist 159.50 169.50 - 1.00 4.42
International 381.80 405.70 - 5.10 0.25
Int Cap Inc 95.86 102.30 - 0.10 2.54
Latin American 47.10 50.04 - 0.21 0.25
Pacific 80.20 85.21 - 0.59 ...
Tokyo 236.00 250.40 - 3.50 ...
UK Smaller Cos 237.10 251.90 - 2.80 0.93

ELCON LTD
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA
0689 70535
Elcon Trust 213.60 228.10 -10.60 ...

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261
Endurance Fd 201.90 214.80 - 3.10 0.26

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 480
European 79.89 84.09 + 0.69 1.69
Far Eastern 310.46 326.80 + 3.81 1.42
High Income 134.68 141.77 - 0.50 4.26
Intl Growth 120.75 127.11* - 0.64 1.20
North American 116.08 122.19 - 4.18 0.92
Pelican 116.55 122.68 - 0.58 2.67
Smaller Cos 75.67 79.65 - 0.45 1.87
Special Sits 91.80 96.63 - 0.42 2.31
Tst of Inv Tsts 188.27 198.18 - 0.96 1.76

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966
Smaller Cos Inc 216.19 225.20 - 3.21 1.58
Smaller Cos Acc 374.28 389.88 - 5.57 1.58
Recovery 56.66 59.02 - 0.74 1.93

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144
Balanced 109.22 116.20 - 0.48 4.94
Capital Growth 79.44 85.20 - 1.14 ...
Fd of Inv Tsts 44.43 47.40 - 0.77 0.24
High Income 47.80 50.98 - 0.38 8.69
Warrant 59.61 64.80* - 1.94 ...
Zero Preference 36.44 38.67 - 0.32 ...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 787
Family Asset Tst 74.87 79.64 - 1.13 2.17
Family Income Tst 49.29 52.43 - 0.17 5.96
Family Trust 89.21 94.90 - 4.87 1.03
United Charities 259.00 271.30* - 4.80 3.02

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181
Cash Fund
Cash Fund 100.00 100.00 ... 4.50
Stabiliser Growth Range
Controlled Risk UK 24.11 25.49 - 0.16 3.18
-do- Europe 24.39 25.70 + 0.34 4.69
-do- America 23.17 24.43 + 0.12 0.27
-do- Acc Japan 27.44 29.26 + 0.65 0.45
Bond Funds
Gilt & Fxd Int 28.00 29.36* - 0.24 7.52
Intl Bond 30.41 31.69 - 0.25 4.84
Income Funds
High Income 27.31 28.74 - 0.18 5.03
Income Plus 117.40 124.90* - 0.10 3.94
Amer Eq Inc 46.86 49.78 - 1.78 1.60
European Income 45.14 48.00 + 0.33 1.92
Far East Inc 64.99 69.61 - 1.07 2.12
Global Convertible 24.09 25.70* - 0.18 2.94
Equity Funds
ASEAN 56.04 59.78 + 0.32 ...
American 233.10 247.20 -10.40 ...
Amer Spec Sits 109.60 117.00 - 6.50 ...
Japan Smaller Cos 45.53 48.57 + 0.95 ...
European 166.30 176.80 + 0.60 ...
European Opps 62.47 66.43 + 0.47 ...
UK Growth 87.51 93.05 - 0.38 ...
Growth & Inc 150.30 159.90 + 0.50 2.39
Intl PEP 35.38 37.62 - 0.18 ...
Japan Spec Sits 100.80 107.70 + 1.50 ...
Japan 214.00 228.30 + 2.40 ...
Managed Intl 270.60 289.00* - 3.00 ...
Moneybuilder 53.03 56.39 - 0.27 ...
Recovery 46.16 49.09* - 0.55 ...
South E Asia 144.90 154.60 ... ...
Special Sits 530.70 564.30 - 3.00 ...
Specialist Funds
UK Index 104.70 110.30 - 0.90 2.98
UK Reverse Index 79.26 83.51 + 0.72 4.18
Europe Index 105.90 111.30 - 1.00 4.58
-do- Reverse Index 69.14 72.82 + 0.26 7.66
America Index 91.90 97.21 - 7.69 0.61
-do- Reverse Index 98.29 103.40 + 5.35 0.65
Japan Index 134.40 141.50 - 1.00 0.59
-do- Reverse Index 101.60 108.10 + 6.60 1.10
Cash Accum Units 104.85 104.85 + 0.06 4.50

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700
Balanced 137.90 141.30* - 4.20 1.63
Inc Pfolio 88.59 90.19* - 0.67 3.67
Cap Pfolio 143.10 145.80 - 1.70 0.65
General Opps 126.60 128.70 - 4.00 3.36
Growth Inc 30.37 30.97 - 0.11 1.22
Private Portfolio 400.00 408.50* -16.90 1.50

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1454 Dlg: 0277 261 010
Hypo Foreign & Colonial
European 113.80 120.30 + 0.90 0.32
Far Eastern 179.10 193.00 - 2.20 ...
High Income 22.32 23.77* - 0.09 10.52
Oseas Income 98.53 105.70 - 0.10 2.67
UK Growth 112.70 120.50 - 0.60 0.91
UK Income 106.70 114.60 - 1.10 4.62
US Smaller Cos 296.10 316.70 - 6.20 ...

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966
High Inc Eqy 48.38 51.47 - 0.27 4.00
-do- Inv Tst Inc 75.98 80.83* - 1.16 4.60
Intl Growth 72.56 77.19 - 0.47 1.17
Investment Trust 90.14 95.89* - 1.31 0.15
UK Smaller Cos 84.30 89.68 - 1.08 1.23

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100
American Growth 53.82 57.58* - 2.80 ...
(Accum Units) 53.82 57.58* - 2.80 ...
Amer Smllr Cos 486.90 520.60 -27.10 ...
(Accum Units) 497.50 532.00 -27.50 ...
Capital Tst 324.70 345.30* - 3.40 1.32
(Accum Units) 459.30 488.50* - 4.80 1.32
Contl Smllr Cos 62.67 67.25 + 0.46 0.12
(Accum Units) 65.51 70.40 + 0.47 0.12
Convertible 138.50 147.30 - 1.50 4.66
(Accum Units) 268.30 285.30 - 3.00 4.66
Emerging Markets 80.57 86.07 - 0.56 ...
(Accum Units) 80.63 86.14 - 0.56 ...
European 117.30 124.70 - 0.50 0.02
(Accum Units) 122.30 130.00 - 0.50 0.02
Extra Income 329.70 350.70 - 5.30 3.45
(Accum Units) 477.90 508.30 - 7.80 3.45
Financial 122.70 132.00 + 0.10 0.45
(Accum Units) 128.40 138.20 + 0.20 0.45
Gilt Trust 63.34 67.38 + 0.99 5.58
(Accum Units) 86.51 89.20 + 1.30 5.58
Health Fund Inc 134.40 143.50 - 7.60 ...
(Accum Units) 134.40 143.50 - 7.60 ...
Income & Growth 195.10 207.50 - 3.10 3.46
(Accum Units) 282.70 300.70 - 4.30 3.46
Intl Growth 372.60 400.50 - 8.60 ...
(Accum Units) 413.70 444.70 - 9.50 ...
Japan & Gen 202.40 216.70 + 1.80 ...
(Accum Units) 204.40 218.90 + 1.90 ...
Managed Port Inc 106.90 112.50 - 0.90 0.53
(Accum Units) 112.30 118.20 - 1.00 0.55
Monthly Income 168.30 179.00 - 2.40 3.57
Quarterly Income 54.99 58.49 - 0.43 4.41
(Accum Units) 56.71 60.32 - 0.44 4.41
Recovery 356.20 380.90 - 9.80 0.08
(Accum Units) 419.00 448.00 -11.60 0.08
UK Growth 52.24 55.76 ... 2.52
(Accum Units) 52.24 55.76 ... 2.52

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts
Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622
FP Equity Dist 376.15 400.16 - 1.81 2.54
-do- Accum 775.96 825.49 - 3.73 2.54
FP Euro Gth Dist 131.91 140.33* + 0.30 0.39
-do- Accum 137.00 145.74* + 0.31 0.39
FP Fixed Int Dist 132.57 140.01* - 2.47 6.30
-do- Accum 232.06 245.46* - 4.33 6.30
FP Intl Gth Dist 93.26 99.23 + 0.25 0.42
-do- Accum 97.09 103.29 + 0.26 0.42
FP Nth Amer Dist 190.23 201.52 - 2.26 0.57
-do- Accum 207.87 220.20 - 2.47 0.57
FP Pac Basin Dist 318.54 338.87 + 3.63 0.03
-do- Accum 324.62 345.34 + 3.71 0.03
Stewardship Dist 342.64 364.51 - 1.43 1.77
-do- Accum 411.27 437.52 - 1.71 1.77
Stwrdship Inc Dist 74.67 79.44* - 0.53 3.14
-do- Accum 94.08 100.09* - 0.67 3.14
N Am Sship Dist 103.19 109.78 - 2.75 0.47
-do- Accum 109.25 116.22 - 2.92 0.47

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7
GANDA 232.90 245.80 - 2.40 1.99
Cash 49.53 50.27* + 0.03 4.35
Growth Portfolio 81.37 86.26 - 1.13 0.35
Income Portfolio 67.61 71.50* - 0.57 3.49

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567
Dealing: 071 626 9431
Amer Spec Sits 166.90 178.50 - 8.10 ...
European 535.40 572.70* - 6.10 1.26
Far East & Gen 272.70 291.70 - 2.00 ...
Germany 125.10 133.10 + 0.70 ...
Income Inc 152.60 163.20* -11.90 4.33
International 342.80 366.70* + 2.10 ...
Intl Income 82.52 87.79 - 2.08 4.02
Japan & General 439.10 467.40 +13.20 ...
Korean Securities 66.86 71.51 - 3.17 0.18
Smllr Cos Div Inc 52.22 55.85 - 2.35 4.02
UK Capital (Inc) 184.20 197.10* - 8.40 1.78
UK Spec Sits 92.16 98.78 - 4.02 0.34

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2080 Digs only: 0277 264 421
Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336
UK Growth Funds
British Growth 49.81 53.27* - 0.33 1.91
Cash Trust 132.63 132.63 + 0.07 4.28
Practical Inv Inc 113.64 121.54* - 1.09 3.62
UK Index 148.48 146.99* - 0.85 2.99
UK Smaller Cos 121.38 129.82 - 0.29 0.86
Income Funds
Preference Share 26.97 28.84 + 0.01 8.50
High Income 34.12 36.49* + 0.32 4.71
UK Equity Income 135.05 144.44 - 0.85 3.70
Global Bond 29.42 30.58* + 0.36 4.64
International Funds
Frontier Markets 61.86 66.16 + 0.09 ...
Global Inc & Gth 134.84 143.74 - 1.28 1.42
Gold & Intl Res 109.36 116.96 - 7.32 0.86
Global Utilities 131.54 140.92 + 1.29 0.78
Overseas Funds
American 136.96 146.49 - 5.34 0.89
European 96.08 101.68* + 0.38 0.75
Euro Sel Opps 131.09 139.12 + 0.25 ...
Amer Emerging 98.948 105.82 - 5.51 ...
Hong Kong 152.53 163.13* + 0.87 1.36
Japan 259.69 276.01 + 1.51 ...
Pacific Growth 208.04 222.50 - 4.65 1.26
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds
Managed Equity 209.39 209.39 - 0.84 1.78
Long Term Bal 228.97 228.97 - 0.74 2.24
Med Term Bal 192.53 192.53 - 0.11 2.82
UK Equity 231.60 231.60 - 1.17 2.24
UK Emerging Cos 142.33 142.33 - 1.39 1.76
American 221.79 221.79* - 6.50 1.31
Japan 142.92 142.92* - 0.16 ...
European 247.71 247.71* + 0.98 1.00
Index Linked Gilt 166.45 166.45 + 1.84 3.21
Fixed Interest 155.79 155.79 + 2.21 6.30
Amer Emergos 255.02 255.02* -12.52 ...
Pacific 228.40 228.40 - 1.40 0.73
Emerging Mkts 183.68 183.68* - 1.93 ...
Index Strat Japan 162.82 162.82 + 3.44 0.21
-do- Pacific Rim 190.28 190.28 - 1.52 1.01
-do- Cont Europe 146.26 146.26 + 1.27 1.57
Index Strat USA 128.68 128.68 - 3.66 2.24
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds
Managed Equity 99.02 105.34 - 0.42 ...
Med Term Bal 91.57 97.42 - 0.06 ...
Long Term Bal 103.18 109.76 - 0.36 ...
UK Equity 107.07 113.91 - 0.57 ...
UK Emerging Cos 66.80 71.06 - 0.69 ...
American 103.17 109.76 - 3.22 ...
Japan 68.87 73.22 - 0.08 ...
European 103.45 110.06 + 0.44 ...
Fixed Interest 78.33 83.33 + 1.18 ...
Index Linked Gilt 73.81 78.52 + 0.87 ...
Deposit 77.10 82.02 + 0.05 ...
Broker Unit Trusts
Berkeley Int Grth 126.61 133.27* - 1.63 ...
Berkeley Income 114.22 120.23* - 1.28 2.12
BWH Intl 138.88 146.19 - 1.23 0.58
Brelliff Gth Port Inc 61.54 64.95 - 0.52 1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc 58.06 61.28* - 0.34 3.40

GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7333
Inv Opportunities 141.30 150.20 - 6.60 ...
Higher Income 133.20 139.90 - 4.20 1.59

GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
GAM Sterling Management Ltd
12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990
& Intl Inc 567.78 604.02 -19.49 0.09
European Inc 145.44 154.72 - 2.01 ...
Amalgam Inc 149.41 158.13 - 2.69 ...
N America Inc 332.32 353.53 -21.29 ...
Far East Inc 341.01 362.78 ... 0.20
UK Dvld Inc 166.96 177.62 - 7.07 ...

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7886
UK Equity Inc 86.59 91.35* + 1.73 3.91
UK Small Cos 53.00 56.68 + 1.54 0.81
British Growth 56.08 59.15 + 0.01 2.12
American Gwth 159.93 171.05 -13.24 ...
Japan Gwth 88.59 94.75 + 1.12 ...
Greater China 187.37 200.40 - 2.64 ...
Pacific Strategy 162.21 173.48* - 2.23 ...
European Gwth 85.29 91.22 + 0.74 0.17
Intl Growth 148.40 158.71 - 4.06 0.97
US Index (E) 13.15 13.86 - 0.38 1.50
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind 77.80 82.35 - 0.61 1.89
Monthly Income 42.28 44.93* - 0.29 10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033
Grd UK Index (E) 10.54 11.10 - 0.12 3.60

GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF
071 488 1212
Small Cos 95.99 102.12 - 2.16 1.15
Bridge Income 267.85 284.94 - 2.61 5.10

GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9468
Cash 134.00 134.00 + 0.10 3.20
European 473.00 504.20 - 0.10 0.14
Gilt & Fixed 129.70 137.60* - 0.10 4.66
Growth Equity 327.30 349.60 - 3.60 2.12
Income Trust 124.30 132.60 - 0.40 2.94
International 186.50 196.90* - 3.90 ...
Japan Trust 139.10 148.60 + 1.20 ...
Nth American 267.60 285.80 -13.90 ...
Pacific 341.60 378.60 -11.90 ...
Guardhill 481.90 514.80* - 4.70 1.87

GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE
071 522 2129
EMU Trust 111.60 115.84 + 1.41 8.09
Global High Inc 115.42 119.81 + 0.70 8.62

Prem Fixed Int 109.30 113.48 - 0.16 7.80
Eqty & Bond Inc 102.60 109.89 - 0.69 4.73
European Growth 95.70 101.75 - 0.71 ...
Intl PEP Trust 60.07 63.87 - 0.07 ...
High Income 118.21 125.69* + 0.73 3.36
Recovery 387.30 412.30 - 5.00 1.41
Sr Vinc High Inc 129.19 131.12* - 1.37 6.69

HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838 866
Global Advtg Inc 38.84 41.18 - 0.28 1.84
Income Advtg Inc 31.65 33.55* + 0.09 3.63

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390
Model Pfolio 197.30 209.20* - 2.40 1.91
Smaller Cos 35.42 37.68* + 0.20 1.22

HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD
PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772
UK Funds
Special Sits 296.38 317.01* - 1.70 1.04
Best of British 61.93 66.27 + 0.40 2.37
UK Smaller Cos 122.53 131.71 - 2.17 0.68
High Income Funds
Income & Growth 274.60 292.44 - 1.41 2.94
High Income 325.51 347.96 - 3.39 3.70
Extra Income 284.15 302.49* - 1.80 4.89
Pref & Gilt 49.08 52.76 + 0.18 7.38
International
International 266.02 283.86* - 5.74 0.09
Global Bond 55.73 59.06* - 0.15 6.21
Family of Funds 81.61 87.02 - 0.80 0.40
Global Tech 148.97 159.32 - 7.20 ...
Overseas Funds
Asian Enterprise 172.44 185.47 - 2.97 0.13
European 473.04 501.04 + 1.96 0.20
European Income 84.45 89.38 + 0.37 2.61
Euro Smllr Cos 149.05 159.12 - 0.66 0.20
Eur Sp Sits 67.30 71.79 - 0.25 0.21
Japan Trust 224.44 238.93 - 2.64 ...
Japan Special Sits 261.01 278.10* - 1.51 ...
Pacific Smllr Cos 246.79 262.85* - 2.63 0.11
North American 279.14 294.25 -13.26 0.03
American Smaller 104.10 111.27 - 6.19 ...
Henderson Tk Pension Portfolio
American Growth 55.30 58.61 - 3.26 ...
Eur Sp Sits 57.77 61.23 - 0.34 ...
General Growth 41.19 43.66 - 0.26 ...
Global Tech 58.28 61.77 - 2.80 ...
Income Growth 41.23 43.70 - 0.22 ...
Japan Growth 22.45 23.79 - 0.33 ...
Overseas Growth 38.82 41.14 - 0.87 ...
Smaller Cos 21.69 22.99 - 0.37 ...
Special Opps 28.69 30.41 - 0.48 ...

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355
British 97.15 103.90 - 0.10 1.81
Capital 172.70 184.60 + 0.10 1.39
Dollar 337.30 360.70 -17.10 ...
European 243.10 259.90 + 5.70 0.20
Far East 325.10 347.70 ... 0.07
Financial 805.80 861.80* - 1.00 0.96
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 26.54 27.57 - 0.04 7.43
High Yield 108.90 116.40 - 0.80 3.87
Income & Growth 145.30 155.40 - 1.40 2.96
International 251.50 268.90 - 2.40 0.01
Japanese General 214.80 229.70 + 2.70 ...
Japan Tech 85.78 91.74 + 1.20 ...
Nat Resources 75.41 80.65 - 2.03 ...
Portfolio 74.05 79.19 - 0.97 1.69
Security 326.10 348.70 - 0.10 1.77
Smaller Cos 135.00 144.30* - 0.60 0.90
Special Sits 153.10 163.70* + 0.50 1.11

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505
James Capel Unit Trusts
Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505
Index Funds
American Index 192.00 204.80* + 6.10 1.28
Eurotrack 100 154.40 164.20* + 1.00 0.97
Footsie Fund 50.80 53.77 - 0.34 2.23
Japan Index 84.26 89.93* - 0.04 0.10
Tiger Index 192.10 205.00 + 2.30 0.12
Trixie Index 118.60 126.60* - 1.80 1.66
UK Index 135.30 144.40 - 0.90 2.86
Active Funds
American Growth 466.20 497.50 -11.70 0.39
Asian 54.28 57.93 - 1.26 0.37
Capital 583.60 622.80 - 5.50 1.62
European Growth 111.50 118.40 + 1.60 ...
Global Bond 23.16 24.47 + 0.19 5.48
Hong Kong Gwth 109.30 116.60* - 2.20 0.54
Income 556.40 593.80 - 0.80 3.94
Intl Growth 79.17 84.49 - 0.63 0.06
Japan Growth 313.10 334.20 + 4.60 ...
Japan Smllr Cos 39.29 41.93 + 1.27 ...
Spore & Mlysa Gth 69.02 73.66 + 0.84 ...
Midland Unit Trusts
Dealing 0742 520000
Enquiries 0742 529076
Balanced 60.18 64.36 - 0.24 2.21
(Accum Units) 61.87 66.17 - 0.24 2.21

You're Caracas if you miss it!
New Singer & Friedlander Aztec Fund. For details, free video and Economist survey see main advert or FreeCall 0500 626226

British Tst 80.56 86.16* - 0.69 1.97
(Accum Units) 92.79 99.24* - 0.76 1.97
Extra High Inc 70.91 75.84 - 0.43 5.84
(Accum Units) 130.00 139.00 - 0.70 5.84
Gilt & Fxd Int 53.65 57.50* + 0.52 6.61
(Accum Units) 154.40 160.70* + 1.40 6.61
High Yield 230.80 246.80 - 1.20 4.62
(Accum Units) 554.00 592.50 - 2.70 4.62
Income 295.60 316.20 - 3.10 2.75
(Accum Units) 632.00 675.90 - 6.70 2.75
Money Market UT 49.42 49.42 + 0.02 4.48
(Accum Units) 74.99 74.99 + 0.03 4.48
Monthly Income 86.62 92.64* - 0.73 4.10
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust
British 95.88 102.00 - 0.80 1.92
European Growth 106.80 113.60 + 0.80 0.02
Gilt & Fixed 83.22 88.32 + 0.80 6.28
Income 83.33 88.54 - 2.15 2.98
Japan Growth 58.61 62.35 + 0.08 ...
Managed 66.38 70.62 - 0.66 2.49
Money Market 83.45 88.45 + 0.11 4.54
North American 85.85 91.33 - 2.04 0.49
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust
British 87.14 92.70 - 0.75 1.91
European Growth 101.10 107.60 - 1.40 0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int 79.33 84.19 + 0.77 6.24
Income 83.01 88.31 - 0.83 2.91
Japan Growth 59.13 62.90 + 0.83 ...
Managed 63.88 67.96 - 0.23 2.45
Money Market 77.13 81.76 + 0.13 4.49
North American 78.26 83.26 - 1.82 0.99
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust
British 87.37 92.95 - 0.75 1.89
European Growth 98.79 105.10 + 1.40 ...
Gilt & Fixed Int 73.30 77.79 + 0.68 6.34
Income 82.38 87.64 - 0.88 2.92
Japan Growth 60.57 64.44 + 0.85 ...
Managed 66.65 70.90 - 0.70 2.45
Money Market 72.32 76.66 + 0.02 4.54
North American 86.70 92.23 - 2.06 0.45

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733
UK Specialist Trusts
Investment Tst 70.73 75.15 - 1.55 0.13
Smaller Cos 32.47 34.49* - 0.30 1.01
Special Pensions 31.67 33.64* - 0.05 1.36
(Accum Units) 38.03 40.40* - 0.06 1.35
General Funds
Assets & Earnings 75.58 80.30 - 0.56 1.69
Accum Units 90.87 96.54 - 0.67 1.69
General Equities 72.19 76.70* - 0.26 2.74
Great British Cos 51.23 54.77 - 0.54 1.82
Managed Invest 100.90 107.30* - 0.40 1.56
PEP Managed 71.61 76.38 - 0.39 2.00
Rupert Clald Tst 79.85 85.15 - 0.21 1.87
UK Growth 58.34 62.36 - 0.35 1.64
High Income Funds
Cashbox (Dist) 50.23 50.23* + 0.02 3.93
Cashbox (Acc) 57.55 57.55* + 0.02 3.93
Extra Income 85.92 91.92 - 0.02 4.72
Gilt 28.07 29.59 + 0.29 6.15
Income & Growth 41.59 44.36 - 0.59 3.17
Minstar Gilt & Fl 77.37 79.09 - 0.25 7.48
Preference Shares 19.07 20.26* - 0.09 6.14
UK Income 330.10 352.50* - 3.50 3.20
Sector Specialist Funds
Fin Securities 66.44 70.59 - 0.60 0.72
Property Shares 77.07 82.04* - 2.02 1.15
Overseas Growth Funds
American Growth 50.86 54.04* - 1.36 0.64
US Smaller Cos 115.50 122.20 - 6.70 ...
(Accum Units) 116.70 123.50 - 6.60 ...
Europe Perf 152.20 161.60 + 1.50 ...
(Accum Units) 157.30 167.00 + 1.50 ...
Euro Smaller Cos 29.17 30.94 + 0.12 ...
French Growth 77.54 82.45* - 0.84 ...
Accum Units 83.06 88.33* - 0.90 ...
H Kong & China 89.16 96.04 - 0.23 0.86
Intl Growth 57.78 61.39 - 0.47 0.10
Accum Units 58.07 61.69 - 0.48 0.10
Japan Perf 37.70 40.03 + 0.32 ...
Accum Units 37.70 40.03 + 0.32 ...
Japan Smaller Cos 47.54 50.51 + 1.95 ...
Singapore ASEAN 102.90 111.60 + 1.10 ...
Accum Units 103.60 112.40 + 1.10 ...
SE Asia 313.80 333.50* + 2.00 ...
Overseas Income Funds
Global Income 92.39 98.37 - 0.86 1.52
Intl Bond 56.66 57.41* + 0.71 6.54

JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB
071 581 3020
American Cap 158.10 168.20 - 8.00 ...
Income 140.85 149.84 - 1.77 4.00
Res & General ... ...
UK Growth 51.88 55.19 - 1.77 0.97
International 86.59 92.12 - 1.65 0.24
Ecology 82.60 87.87 - 1.41 0.59
European 113.51 120.19 - 1.06 ...
Far Eastern 328.50 349.40 - 4.50 ...

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS
10 Fenchurch Street London EC3
Dealers: 0277 227 300
Income Trusts
Extra Income 54.56 58.06* - 0.70 6.73
Gilt Yield 118.10 124.50* - 1.40 7.02
Global Income 227.80 242.30 - 1.00 3.56
High Yield 146.50 155.90 - 1.40 5.51
Smllr Cos Div 58.05 61.75 - 0.69 2.80

Capital Growth Trusts
Amer Smllr Cos 96.26 102.40 - 3.30 ...
North American 76.64 81.53 - 2.88 0.31
European Special 96.73 102.90 - 3.02 1.22
European 154.60 164.50 + 1.30 1.19
General 280.40 298.30 - 1.50 3.02
Japan 468.30 498.20 +10.50 ...
Japanese Special 269.60 286.80 + 7.70 ...
Master Accum 249.20 265.10 + 0.80 0.81
Pacific 347.10 369.30 - 1.10 0.40
Smaller Cos 122.40 130.20 + 2.30 0.89
UK Equity Growth 43.43 46.20 - 0.45 1.68

KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA
071 629 1665
Global Inc & Gth 64.21 68.31 - 0.90 0.80
Inv Trust 70.19 74.68 - 1.54 ...
Cautious Inc/Gth 60.42 64.29 + 0.54 1.60
High Inc Acc 56.07 59.65 - 0.62 4.10

L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA
071 588 2800
Income 626.20 639.00 -10.50 4.00
Intl & General 437.20 446.10 - 7.00 0.57

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966
000% Growth Inc 57.07 60.71 - 0.34 4.12
Smaller Cos 55.39 58.61 - 0.02 0.85

LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623
Growth Trust 248.30 264.20 - 2.70 1.23
High Income 110.90 118.00 - 0.30 4.01
International 94.83 100.90 - 1.80 0.14
Recovery Trust 64.14 68.23 - 1.06 1.39
European Trust 84.82 90.23* - 0.64 0.38
Japanese Trust 48.79 51.90 + 0.40 ...
American Trust 80.08 85.19 - 4.57 ...
Managed 67.38 71.68* - 0.76 0.43
Cash 50.05 50.05* + 0.03 3.98

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916
UK Cap 347.00 352.70* - 7.20 2.43
UK Inc/Gth 377.40 383.20* - 6.90 3.10
UK Income 266.20 270.30* - 4.70 3.73
UK Sm Cos 253.90 263.30* - 5.60 1.22
Euro Gwth 122.60 123.50 - 0.10 ...
N Amer Gwth 78.11 78.99 - 5.23 0.04
Jap & Pac Gth 85.01 86.06 - 0.15 ...
Money Mkt 116.06 116.06 ... 2.330

LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395
Equity Dist 458.70 488.00* - 3.20 2.43
Equity Income 99.92 106.30 - 1.20 3.51
UK Tactical Allocn 53.81 57.15* - 0.42 3.41
European 116.10 123.50 + 1.80 0.41
Far Eastern 245.50 261.20 + 4.50 ...
Fixed Interest 52.42 55.70* + 0.59 6.36
Gilt 92.62 98.22 + 0.90 6.15
Global Growth 81.55 86.75 + 0.92 0.47
Intl Bond 55.04 58.44* + 1.06 5.08
Japanese 84.40 89.79 + 2.34 ...
North American 152.50 162.20 - 4.80 0.34
Pacific Growth 118.60 126.20* - 0.10 ...
UK Index 61.40 64.80 - 0.42 2.92
UK Recovery 91.34 97.17 + 0.08 1.50
UK Smaller Cos 126.10 134.20 - 1.70 0.83
US Index 57.92 61.13 - 1.70 1.80
European Index 73.26 77.32* + 0.52 1.36

LINCOLN NATIONAL
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621
Growth 48.35 51.71 - 0.31 3.22
Income 59.07 63.52 - 0.42 3.70
Far East 59.28 63.40 + 0.70 ...
North American 97.18 103.90 - 7.60 ...
Global 99.20 106.10* - 2.20 0.63
European 86.70 92.64* + 0.28 0.84
Japan 120.70 129.10 + 0.10 ...
Intl Currency Bd 59.09 62.64 - 0.76 6.08
SE Asia 117.70 125.90* + 1.00 0.74
UK Cap Growth 90.99 97.27* - 0.81 1.91

LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB
Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313
Balanced 339.70 361.40 - 4.00 2.56
-do- Acc 754.00 802.20 - 8.90 2.56
Contl Euro Gth 61.95 65.22 + 0.14 0.56
-do- Acc 65.99 69.47 + 0.15 0.96
Extra Inc 257.10 273.60 + 1.70 3.78
-do- Acc 644.50 686.10 + 4.70 3.78
German Gth 126.20 132.90 - 0.70 ...
-do- Acc 132.40 139.40 - 0.60 ...
Growth Port 543.40 578.10* + 2.40 0.17
-do- Acc 548.10 583.10 + 2.50 0.17
Income 485.40 516.40 - 3.50 3.62
-do- Acc £12.66 £13.47 -10.00 3.62
Income Port 514.80 547.70 - 2.50 3.99
-do- Acc 529.10 562.90 - 2.50 3.99
Japan Growth 114.00 121.30 + 0.70 ...
-do- Acc 114.40 121.80 + 0.70 ...
Master Trust 58.31 62.04 - 0.50 1.44
-do- Acc 64.20 68.30 - 0.55 1.44
N American Gen 185.10 197.00 -10.10 ...
-do- Acc 213.80 227.50 -11.70 ...
Nam Sm Co Rec 146.70 156.10 -11.00 ...
-do- Acc 149.70 159.30 -11.20 ...
Pacific Basin 265.70 282.70 + 3.40 0.54
-do- Acc 281.90 299.90 + 3.60 0.54
Small Cos Rec 360.00 379.00 -18.40 1.91
-do- Acc 472.80 497.70 -24.30 1.91
UK Growth 85.18 90.62 - 0.77 2.09
-do- Acc 101.20 107.70 - 0.90 2.09
Worldwide Gth 324.20 344.90 - 1.20 0.30
-do- Acc 478.20 508.80 - 1.70 0.30

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673
American 63.96 68.63 - 2.76 0.30
General 86.28 92.57 - 0.81 2.50
Income 67.34 72.25* - 1.29 4.90
International 64.95 69.69 - 1.19 0.70
Japan 61.92 66.44 + 1.30 ...
Tst of Inv Trusts 68.81 73.83 - 1.59 1.60

M & G SECURITIES
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390
Amer & General 398.70 421.60 -16.00 0.80
Amer Recovery 457.30 483.60 -21.00 0.32
Amer Smllr Cos 132.10 139.70 - 6.40 ...
Australasian 164.60 174.10* - 8.00 1.47
Capital 808.30 854.80 -12.00 2.13
Charifund 698.00 705.00 - 7.20 5.18
Commodity 398.10 421.00 -12.40 0.31
Compound Grth 916.30 969.00 -16.00 2.56
Dividend 40.00 42.30 - 0.70 4.18
Equity Income 348.80 368.90* - 5.20 4.68
Euro & General 518.40 548.20 + 3.30 0.62
Euro Dividend 72.50 76.70 + 0.20 3.34
Extra Yield 413.00 436.70* - 3.90 4.52
Far Eastern 369.50 391.20* - 2.10 0.41
Fund of Inv Tsts 610.00 645.10 -16.20 1.91
General 59.80 63.20 - 1.10 3.49
Gilt Income 62.49 62.59 + 0.16 7.00
Gold 70.10 74.10 - 6.00 0.68
High Income 28.60 30.20 - 0.40 4.41
Intl Growth 78.30 82.80 - 0.80 0.81
International Inc 103.60 109.60 - 1.50 4.22
Japan & Gen 52.70 55.70 + 1.40 ...
Japan Smlr Cos 185.10 195.70 + 3.00 ...
Managed Income 27.80 29.20* - 0.30 3.79
Midland 64.90 68.60 - 1.10 2.55
Pension Ex 936.50 960.00 -15.20 3.89
Recovery 42.10 44.50 - 0.50 2.30
Second General 71.20 75.30 - 1.00 3.33
Smaller Cos 72.20 76.40 - 1.60 2.56

MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631
European Growth 82.40 87.65 + 0.85 0.42
High Income 288.20 306.50 - 3.80 4.50
Intl Bond 66.74 70.22 + 0.17 5.73
Intl Equity Growth 70.89 75.41 - 0.62 0.43
N Amer Growth 94.72 100.76* - 4.33 0.80
Special Sits Growth 22.11 23.52* - 0.31 1.56
UK Growth 368.40 391.90 - 3.50 2.56

MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD
46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian
062 082 5867
Joint Investors £12.83 £13.12 - 9.80 2.60

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY
031 222 4242
Maldon General 144.90 149.20 - 8.50 3.85

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD
St George's Way, Stevenage
Dealing: 0438 747 444
Growth Units 186.70 199.70 - 1.60 2.17
Gilt & Fxd Int 172.40 182.60 - 0.20 6.58
Intl Growth 214.50 228.80 - 4.40 0.15
North American 179.70 192.30 - 7.40 0.35
Far East 266.20 284.70 - 3.10 0.04
UK Smaller Cos 171.60 183.50 -12.60 1.45
European 82.08 87.20 - 0.63 0.11
Japanese Growth 51.27 54.59 + 0.21 ...

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 688 866
M & S Inv Pfolio 149.50 159.00 - 0.80 1.78
-do- Accum 168.20 179.50 - 0.90 1.78
UK Sel Pfolio 126.60 134.70 - 1.00 2.04
-do- Accum 144.40 153.60 - 1.10 2.04

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA
0204 364 842
Managed Tst 67.21 71.50* + 0.32 3.69

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
031 479 4646
Intl Income 74.99 79.61* - 1.04 4.04
European 82.92 88.03 - 0.94 0.43
Income & Growth 76.20 80.89 - 1.05 2.23
Nth American 58.54 62.14 - 2.53 0.35
Far East 172.60 183.20 + 1.10 ...

Charities 116.30 121.50 - 2.00 3.45
Japan 61.55 65.34* + 0.33 ...
Emrging Mkts 113.10 123.10 - 3.10 0.19
Intl Growth 108.50 115.60 - 2.30 0.06
UK Growth 88.76 94.23 - 0.20 0.57
Asian Opps Fd 39.40 42.14 - 0.28 ...

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St EC4R 9AS
Dealing: 071 280 2860
American 199.20 211.90 - 9.50 ...
(Accum Units) 212.90 226.50 -10.10 ...
American Opps 89.06 95.00* - 4.08 ...
(Accum Units) 90.18 96.19* - 4.01 ...
British Blue Chip 76.69 81.69* - 1.41 3.08
(Accum Units) 92.84 98.88* - 1.07 3.08
Cash 100.80 100.80 + 0.10 4.83
(Accum Units)* 133.60 133.60 + 0.10 4.83
Emerging Mkts 122.40 131.60 - 3.40 ...
European Growth 247.40 262.70 - 0.10 0.61
(Accum Units) 264.40 282.20 - 0.10 0.61
European Income 86.88 92.06 - 0.13 2.65
(Accum Units) 113.80 120.50 - 0.20 2.65
General 503.20 536.70* - 6.10 2.25
(Accum Units) 974.30 1039* -13.00 2.25
Global Bond 125.50 131.90* + 1.20 6.04
(Accum Units) 147.70 155.40* + 1.60 6.04
Gold & General 191.60 206.00 -14.60 0.46
(Accum Units) 196.00 210.70 -14.80 0.46
Govt Securities 93.61 96.54 + 0.44 7.37
(Accum Units) 173.40 178.90 + 0.90 7.37
Income 151.10 160.90* - 1.60 4.23
(Accum Units) 229.20 244.10* - 2.30 4.23
International 455.60 485.60 - 4.60 0.58
(Accum Units) 607.60 647.60 - 6.10 0.58
Japan 213.90 226.90 + 6.20 ...
(Accum Units) 219.60 232.90 + 6.40 ...
New Europe 174.00 185.60 - 0.70 1.40
(Accum Units) 177.70 189.70 - 0.90 1.40
Pacific 124.70 133.00 - 0.40 0.63
(Accum Units) 132.60 141.40 - 0.60 0.63
Recovery 339.30 361.90 - 3.60 2.48
(Accum Units) 430.20 458.90 - 4.50 2.48
UK Smaller Cos 61.13 65.20* - 0.93 1.67
(Accum Units) 68.71 73.29* - 1.05 1.67
Portfolio 79.36 84.43* - 0.78 2.68
(Accum Units) 92.31 98.20* - 0.92 2.68

METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ
0707 662 233
Eurogrowth Plus 115.18 122.53 - 0.09 0.88
Intl Strategy 65.42 69.60 - 0.56 0.07
UK Income Inc 74.68 79.42* - 1.09 4.72

MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966
International (US$) 13.01 13.83 ... ...

MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123
American Gwth 309.30 329.60 -15.50 ...
European Gth Inc 388.90 414.60 ... ...
Intl Gwth 194.90 208.10 - 4.20 ...
UK Equity Inc 177.90 189.60 - 2.30 3.13
UK Ind Trckr Inc 154.90 165.80* - 1.60 2.92
US Eq Ind Trk Inc 191.10 202.80* - 6.40 1.50
Japan Tracker 80.90 85.68 - 0.11 ...
Asian Trader 205.70 224.10 - 1.70 0.45
Managed Inc 149.50 160.70 - 1.20 1.64
Deposit Inc 100.04 100.04* + 0.06 4.01
Europa 177.10 189.70* + 1.00 ...

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933
Acumen 94.69 96.70 - 0.77 2.26
Acumen Inc 91.15 93.08 - 0.75 2.26
Acumen Reserve 82.86 83.70 + 0.05 7.06
-do- Inc 75.57 76.34 - 0.04 7.06
American Growth 174.90 180.10* - 7.70 0.94
Cash Income 49.78 50.25* + 0.03 3.97
Equity Income 96.77 99.45* - 1.45 4.48
European 74.68 76.56 - 0.12 0.61
Smaller Cos 79.51 83.01 - 0.70 1.07
Olympiad 67.92 69.90 - 0.65 ...
Global Bond 47.42 47.97* - 0.40 6.34
UK Growth 90.81 93.37 - 1.06 1.81
Pacific Growth 104.60 109.00 - 0.60 ...
Japan Growth 102.10 104.00 + 0.20 ...

NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010
Avon Equity 117.46 124.96 - 0.06 2.88

NM UNIT TRUST MGRS
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 695
Dlg: 0705 882 680
NM Unit Trusts
American 43.44 46.17 - 1.43 1.71
Australian 337.00 361.50 - 9.40 ...
Conscience 73.77 78.73 - 0.48 0.44
European 200.70 213.50 + 2.30 0.70
Extra Income 74.46 79.46* - 0.21 5.58
Gilt & FI 58.11 61.32* + 0.23 6.03
Gold 62.45 67.34 - 3.36 ...
Income 55.34 59.02 - 0.24 3.94
Intnl 33.19 35.49 - 0.12 0.70
Jap Smaller Cos 397.50 423.90 +13.90 ...
Sing & Malaysian 227.80 244.20 + 3.40 ...
Smaller Cos 31.59 33.96 + 0.46 0.59
Special Sits 36.52 39.28 - 0.10 1.56
Sterling Deposit 100.80 100.80 ... 4.50
Tokyo 91.96 98.09 + 0.13 ...
UK Equity 173.30 184.80 + 0.10 2.69
US Smaller Cos 114.00 121.90 - 3.00 ...

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322
UK Growth 74.33 79.08 - 0.72 1.80
UK Income 108.70 115.70 - 0.50 3.61
Gilt & Fixed Int 73.24 77.51* - 0.25 5.99
Higher Income 223.60 237.90 - 1.60 4.51
Smaller Cos 86.55 92.08* - 1.00 1.49
International 99.07 105.40 - 0.90 1.18

NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200
Americas Dist 105.90 113.30 - 4.80 ...
European Dist 106.10 113.50 + 0.30 ...
Far East Dist 182.10 194.80* - 3.60 ...
Global Care Dist 72.15 77.17 - 1.04 2.25
Oseas Dist £10.16 £10.86* -12.40 0.33
UK Dist 337.00 360.40 - 2.50 2.12
UK Extra Inc Dist 76.33 81.64* - 0.34 3.41
Wwide Dist 104.80 112.10 - 0.60 ...
Wwide Inc Dist 70.40 75.29 - 0.71 1.98

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398
Europe Inc 62.33 65.78* + 0.77 0.26
Fund of Funds Inc 57.61 60.80 - 0.42 0.67
North America Inc 49.12 51.84 - 2.10 0.41
UK Equity Grth Inc 59.31 62.60 - 0.58 1.79
UK General Inc 57.33 60.51 - 0.61 2.25
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc 48.62 51.18 + 0.45 6.45
UK Income Inc 58.18 61.40* - 0.63 2.80

NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR
Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000
Income 226.04 240.47 + 0.42 3.20
Global 344.32 366.30* - 4.69 1.04
General 190.59 202.76 - 2.34 1.17
Bond 129.63 137.65 + 1.43 6.03
Growth 124.54 132.49 - 0.95 1.55
Intrepid 124.29 129.47 ... 1.70
Bridge Fund 91.45 97.29 ... ...
Distributor 91.06 96.88 + 0.06 3.00

NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich
0603 682 234
Master Trust 121.39 129.13* - 0.73 1.72
UK Equity 135.93 144.61* - 1.17 2.80
UK Equity Income 131.65 140.05 - 1.26 3.36
UK Smaller Cos 124.48 132.43 - 0.83 1.43
UK Equity Growth 126.25 134.31* - 1.05 2.57
UK Index Trckg 137.08 145.83* - 1.21 3.34
Intl Index Trckg 143.74 152.91* - 1.88 1.05
International 233.20 248.08 - 1.48 0.67
European 188.60 200.64 + 1.50 0.72
Pan European 127.15 135.27 - 0.22 1.21
Nth American 158.03 168.12 - 6.03 0.51
N Amer Smlr Cos 181.50 193.09 - 5.73 0.05
Japanese 104.86 111.55 + 1.60 ...
Pacific 237.63 252.80 + 0.33 0.33
South East Asian 252.25 268.35 - 1.52 0.44
Intl Bond 135.99 144.54 + 0.46 4.79

PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470
Equity 234.80 249.80 - 2.70 2.25
Growth 152.00 160.00 - 2.10 2.40
Income 239.00 254.20 - 2.70 3.28
Intl Equity 250.60 266.60 - 2.00 0.51
UK Income 65.65 69.84 - 0.72 2.89
UK Intl 25 76.97 81.88 - 0.90 1.72
New Europe 76.86 81.76 + 0.12 ...

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000
Intl Gwth 598.69 640.32 -10.44 0.15
Income 335.88 359.24 - 3.05 2.99
Wwide Recovery 379.59 405.98 - 7.99 0.28
Amer Growth Inc 219.06 234.29* -11.52 0.01
Intl Emerging Cos 250.69 268.12 - 3.52 0.01
Far Estn Grth Inc 292.02 312.33 - 7.16 0.01
Euro Gwth Inc 143.51 153.49 + 1.65 0.63
UK Growth Inc 84.06 89.91* - 0.80 2.41
High Income 92.80 99.26 - 0.55 3.75
Jap Gwth Inc 245.68 261.56* - 1.10 0.01
PEP Growth 118.51 126.75 - 1.15 0.90
Asian Str Mkts Inc 123.01 131.57 - 0.25 0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc 135.17 144.57 - 9.15 0.01

PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966
American 107.17 114.01 - 4.51 ...
European 70.00 74.47 - 0.72 ...
Global 68.40 72.77 - 0.88 ...
Pacific 67.35 71.65 - 0.44 0.06
UK Inc & Grth 65.55 69.73 - 0.82 1.99

POINTON YORK UT MGRS
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX
0533 550 540
BRI Director Digs 101.86 108.48 - 1.05 ...

PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966
Portfolio 161.81 170.33 - 3.71 0.62

PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458 721
Monthly Income 59.02 62.56 - 0.54 2.05
Growth Income 62.84 66.61 - 0.37 1.55

PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN
0732 740 700
Principal Tst 131.52 139.92 - 0.75 1.73

PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD
Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443
American Income 95.78 101.90 - 2.10 3.53
Conv & Gilt 125.50 133.50* + 2.20 5.30
European Income 77.50 82.45 + 0.23 2.56
Extra Income 158.30 166.20* + 0.70 3.52
Far East 412.10 438.40 + 3.40 0.14
Global Income 26.91 28.61 - 0.36 4.37
High Income 119.80 127.50 - 0.80 3.27
International 210.60 224.00 - 0.90 0.55
Pref & Fxd Int 45.18 48.06 + 0.77 6.71
Recovery 80.00 85.11 - 1.69 1.98
Special Sits 110.10 117.10 + 1.60 1.09

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 Seeline Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX
0622 674 751
General 51.54 54.83 - 0.39 2.56
International 92.91 98.84 - 1.34 0.69
Gilt 25.08 26.30 + 1.23 6.62

Income & Gwth 71.42 75.98 - 2.75 4.70
European 54.24 57.88 + 1.15 1.11
American 52.27 55.61 - 2.32 0.05
Emerging Mkts 84.27 98.09 - 1.00 0.52
UK Smaller Cos 31.54 33.07 + 0.99 1.54
Gilt/Fixed Interest 26.13 27.92 - 0.13 5.74
Global PEP 39.81 42.78 + 0.15 1.46

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA
0256 768 888
European Inc 258.40 278.40 + 2.20 0.73
Japan Inc 112.60 120.40 - 0.20 ...
Nth American Inc 109.60 118.60 - 3.50 0.12
Worldwide Inc 166.50 179.50 - 2.30 0.70
Hong Kong Inc 148.50 160.30 - 2.00 0.19
Swiss Equities Inc 67.75 72.72 + 0.56 0.35
Wwide Bond Inc 62.65 66.56* + 0.40 5.24
Emrging Asia Inc 194.30 211.70 - 1.80 0.42
UK Money Mkt Inc 50.27 51.30* + 0.04 4.75
Thailand Inc 136.80 147.50 - 4.90 0.92
Gold Trust Inc 83.74 90.69 - 5.44 0.17
New Zealand Inc 85.41 91.61 - 2.91 1.17
Int Mngd PEP Inc 65.70 71.04* - 1.01 1.68
Latin Am Cmp Inc 89.26 96.25 - 0.38 0.03
UK All Sh Mltr Inc 56.57 60.91* - 0.47 2.24
Le Fond Francais 70.15 75.40 - 1.82 0.38
Broker Unit Trusts
Global Trustees 81.76 87.44 - 0.46 1.45
Global Portfolio 73.17 77.93 - 0.67 ...
Global Opps 74.52 79.70 - 0.11 0.43
Marsh Global Grth 68.20 72.42 - 1.53 1.90
AAM Global Equity 58.46 62.19 - 0.07 0.77
CAM Brit Gwth Inc 89.59 95.41 - 1.93 0.92
CAM Int Recvy Inc 46.76 50.87 - 1.54 1.00
Temple Equity Inc 46.38 50.56 - 0.92 2.81
Huxley Growth 79.64 84.72 - 1.01 0.56
Intl Growth Inc 85.09 91.01 - 0.18 1.40
IPS Portfolio Inc 89.57 95.80 - 0.54 0.22
St Jms Mn Inc Inc 49.60 51.97 - 0.23 2.47
Premier Perfms Inc 70.92 75.85 - 1.00 0.85
Roxburgh Strat Gth 74.65 79.84 - 1.39 0.34
Tech Analysis 103.90 110.50 - 0.70 0.30
Rosebery Growth 44.46 48.14* - 2.49 ...
International Strat 77.29 82.66* - 1.21 ...
UFC Ind-Act Grth 55.43 59.38 - 0.45 ...
Coverdale Topout 51.64 55.57 - 0.48 ...

PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA
071 588 3903
Equity Gth 163.90 174.40* - 2.40 1.91
European Gth 96.01 101.70* - 0.60 0.40
Income & Gth 134.80 143.40* - 2.30 2.60
Japan Gth 129.40 137.10* ... ...
Nth Amer Gth 112.70 119.90* - 5.00 ...
Overseas Gth 87.34 92.91* - 1.12 ...

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925 091
Managed Tst 36.52 39.05 - 0.26 1.40
Cash Haven Inc 101.27 101.76 + 0.05 3.96
Cash Haven Acc 108.38 108.91 + 0.05 3.96
Dist Trust Inc 94.34 100.00 ... 5.00
Dist Trust Acc 94.34 100.00 ... 5.00
Global Growth 88.76 94.92 - 0.70 1.11
Equity Inc 84.79 90.68 + 0.07 3.36
Equity 713.11 762.68 + 4.10 2.30
European 210.27 224.88 + 0.68 0.71
High Income 90.74 97.04 - 0.17 3.63
Intl Grth 181.76 194.39 - 2.35 0.80
Intl Sm Co 81.57 87.24 - 0.97 0.28
Japanese 225.09 240.69 - 0.06 ...
Nth Amer 159.14 169.89 - 4.17 1.34
Pacific Mkts 100.14 107.10 - 2.11 0.64
Premier Inc 49.93 51.98 + 0.03 5.04
Sm Cos 93.51 100.01 - 0.96 1.83
Spec Sits 108.19 115.71 - 0.21 2.18
UK Growth 117.41 125.57 - 0.28 2.13

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
0892 510 033
British Life 304.00 322.40 - 3.50 2.98
Reliance Inc 169.60 180.40 - 1.70 2.53

ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD
Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2585
Managed 96.98 102.90 - 2.80 1.89

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4
Dealers: 071 280 5000
FA America (Inc) 523.30 557.38 -22.52 0.57
FA America (Acc) 609.69 649.52 -26.23 0.57
FA UK Equity Inc 156.91 167.44 - 1.19 3.24
FA Japan 293.28 312.17 + 3.74 ...
FA Major UK Cos 93.31 99.38 - 1.20 2.14
FA Smllr UK Cos 306.42 332.44* - 3.12 0.77
FA European 314.88 332.65 + 0.06 0.58
FA Amer Smllr Cos 46.17 49.56 - 1.99 ...
FA Asia 50.46 54.33 - 0.16 ...
FA Jap Smllr Cos 56.41 60.31 + 2.20 ...
RAM Personal Pension
UK Major Cos 91.40 96.20 - 1.17 ...
UK Smllr Cos 86.85 91.41 - 0.86 ...
UK Income 90.04 94.77 - 0.67 ...
America 104.45 109.94 - 4.44 ...
Japanese 64.28 67.62 + 0.81 ...
European 99.85 105.10 + 0.03 ...
Gilt 85.45 89.94 + 0.08 ...
Deposit 79.88 84.08 + 0.07 ...
Managed 96.62 101.70 - 1.02 ...
RAM FSAVC Scheme
UK Major Cos 89.15 93.83 - 1.14 ...
UK Smaller Cos 85.03 89.50 - 0.84 ...
UK Income 87.99 92.61 - 0.67 ...
America 101.88 107.23 - 4.36 ...
Japanese 62.70 65.99 + 0.79 ...
European 97.45 102.57 + 0.01 ...
Gilt 84.63 89.07 + 0.06 ...
Deposit 76.31 80.32 + 0.06 ...
Managed 91.58 96.39 - 1.20 ...

ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE
Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000
Dealing: 0733 393 000
United States 74.14 79.00 - 3.31 0.11
Pacific Basin 84.53 90.71 - 0.65 ...
High Inc Dist 125.20 133.90* - 2.10 4.53
Ryl Life Intl Cncy 59.97 63.76* - 0.32 3.53
Ryl Life Intl Gwth 68.96 73.62 - 1.24 0.32
Ryl Life Intl Spec 63.75 67.81 - 0.66 ...
UK Emerging Cos 120.30 130.00 - 1.40 1.45
UK Index Trckg 162.00 172.70 - 3.00 3.21

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA
0206 764 400
American Growth 146.10 154.70 - 7.70 0.28
European Growth 111.10 117.40* ... 0.72
Far East Growth 129.90 138.20 + 0.20 0.04
Japan Growth 156.30 166.20 + 4.50 ...
Special Sits 198.70 211.30* - 2.60 1.22
UK Growth 76.37 81.24 - 0.68 1.94
Triton General 241.20 256.70 - 1.80 0.43

ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS
041 207 6500
Far East Inc 177.90 188.30 + 1.00 0.33
Gtr Euro Prog Inc 352.40 372.90 + 5.80 0.11
Growth Inc 134.70 142.90 + 2.00 0.27
International Inc 346.10 366.20 + 4.80 0.28
Nth Am & Intl Inc 328.50 347.60 - 5.10 0.13
UK Gen Prog Inc 213.90 226.40 - 0.30 0.47
UK High Inc Inc 135.60 143.50 - 1.00 3.46

SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DU
071 330 0572
American Gwth 63.10 67.13 - 3.15 ...
Amer Smllr Cos 82.16 87.40 - 3.71 ...
Asian Gwth 110.20 117.23* - 0.97 0.75
European Gwth 71.34 75.90 - 0.14 1.00
Global Bd 60.68 64.11* + 0.61 5.00
Global Eq 68.41 72.78 - 0.52 0.50
Japanese Eq 63.32 67.36 - 0.64 ...
Japan Sm Cos 75.55 80.37* + 1.18 ...

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766 966
Amer Inc & Gwth 70.05 74.52 - 2.08 3.92
Amer Smllr Cos 109.30 116.30 - 4.10 ...
Asian Smaller Cos 54.27 57.73 - 0.26 ...
Capital Portfolio 129.00 137.20 - 1.40 1.76
Capital 163.40 173.80 - 2.40 0.32
Cash 122.40 122.40* + 0.10 3.51
China Dragon 64.64 68.77 - 1.92 0.73
Commodity 131.60 140.00* - 9.20 0.56
Eastern Discovery 112.10 119.30 - 1.40 ...
Energy Inds 118.70 126.30 - 3.40 0.17
European Gwth 194.20 206.60 - 1.20 0.09
Euro Inc & Gwth 80.21 85.33 + 0.09 1.35
Euro Smllr Cos 53.90 57.34 - 0.11 ...
Financial Secs 194.10 206.50 - 2.20 0.59
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 49.75 52.90* - 0.45 8.37
Gold & Exploration 85.46 90.92 - 6.28 0.28
High Return 228.30 242.90 - 2.70 3.91
High Yield 221.80 236.00* - 3.40 3.93
Income 120.00 127.70 - 2.10 4.07
Ind Bond 168.00 177.50* + 1.20 5.50
ITU 207.60 220.90 - 5.80 0.53
Japan Growth 185.40 197.20 + 1.80 ...
Japan Smaller 211.50 225.00 + 7.70 ...
Korea 76.00 80.85 + 0.01 ...
Masterfund 56.54 60.15 - 0.52 0.54
Scotbits 288.80 307.20 - 3.10 0.93
Scotshares 285.40 303.60 - 4.50 1.55
Scotyields 234.80 249.80* - 2.80 3.34
Select Intl 143.80 153.00 - 3.90 0.44
Smaller Cos Inc 254.30 270.50* - 6.00 2.98
SE Asia 576.10 612.90 - 6.80 ...
Special Situation 123.20 131.10 - 2.00 0.52
UK Equity 238.10 253.30 - 2.60 2.67
UK Growth 65.23 69.39 - 1.27 1.45
UK Smllr Cos Gwth 48.58 51.68 - 0.58 1.03

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3680
Retail Funds
American 245.55 261.30 - 8.02 0.79
European Gwth 74.19 79.05 + 0.76 0.68
Euro Smllr Cos 75.34 80.57 + 0.29 0.10
Far Eastern Gth 97.80 104.32 + 0.30 ...
Gilt & Fixed Int 53.17 56.05* + 0.99 7.30
Global Bond 53.73 55.52 + 0.66 5.04
Global Emer Mkts 56.07 59.80 - 0.53 ...
Income 350.50 373.86* - 2.06 3.62
Japan Smllr Cos 529.18 564.45 +10.71 ...
Japan Enterprise 74.85 79.83 + 0.27 ...
Pacific Gwth 129.66 138.32 - 0.35 ...
Seoul 53.53 57.95 + 0.78 ...
Smaller Cos 217.21 231.69 - 3.10 0.37
Tokyo 128.70 137.37* + 0.76 ...
UK Enterprise 245.50 261.86 + 0.25 2.07
UK Equity 236.02 251.75* - 0.79 2.53
US Smllr Cos 154.48 164.77 - 7.77 ...
World Fd 79.56 84.86 - 0.04 1.75
Institutional Funds
European 233.13 242.84 + 0.52 1.16
Euro Smllr Cos 30.00 31.25 + 0.04 1.41
Global Equity Inc 76.71 79.90 - 1.58 0.56
Japan Smllr Cos 41.30 43.02 + 1.01 0.16
Mngd Balanced 186.89 194.67 - 0.73 2.49
Overseas Equity 186.94 194.72 - 0.55 0.57
Oseas Smllr Cos 129.04 134.41* - 1.05 0.30
Pacific 245.71 255.94 - 1.66 0.86
Recovery £19.46 £20.27 -28.91 2.46
UK Index 151.39 157.69 - 1.42 2.89
UK Small Cos 119.69 124.67* - 1.16 2.20
US Smllr Cos 44.19 46.03 - 1.94 0.15

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2280
Equity Income 51.41 54.75 + 0.02 3.02
Equity Trust 58.42 62.22 - 0.22 2.37
Equity Strategy 69.43 73.96 - 1.06 0.72
European Opps 86.91 92.56 - 0.47 ...
UK Smaller Cos 65.96 70.25 - 1.44 0.65
Maximum Income 98.33 100.85 + 0.03 4.80
Japanese 84.55 90.05 + 0.47 ...
Asia Pacific 127.20 135.47 - 0.42 0.60
American 103.51 110.24 - 5.83 0.25

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422
Cash 30.03 30.03 + 0.02 4.997
UK General Inc 51.46 54.89 - 0.57 2.47

Intl Income 285.00 302.70 - 3.30 1.58
European 77.01 81.48 - 0.35 1.79
Japan 74.36 78.41 + 0.34 0.04
American 64.61 68.44 - 2.87 1.99
Far East 90.24 95.19 - 0.76 0.54
Ethical Inc 31.42 33.60 - 0.75 1.64
UK Blue Chip Inc 32.42 34.65* - 0.29 2.65
High Inc Inc 37.32 39.81 - 0.39 3.36
UK Global Inc 40.67 43.36* - 0.29 1.28
Wwide Tact 75.96 81.14 - 0.57 0.66

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211
UK Equity 372.10 397.40* - 1.60 2.73
American 361.10 377.50* - 9.20 0.62
Pacific 403.80 431.90* - 0.30 0.64
European 540.10 577.70* + 4.90 1.00
Worldwide 92.85 99.31* - 0.89 0.82

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100
UK Equity Inc 266.60 283.70 - 1.30 3.10
UK Slr Co Eq Inc 207.90 221.20 - 3.40 1.19
Select Opptnty Inc 66.87 71.52* - 0.69 2.16
Income Plus Inc 71.28 75.88* - 0.66 3.62
European Inc 345.80 367.90 - 0.60 1.61
Far Eastern Inc 172.50 183.60 - 1.00 0.78
Japanese Inc 68.73 73.12 - 0.15
Nth American Inc 247.40 263.30 -12.80 0.28

SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 556 2340
Equity Growth Inc 23.44 25.09 - 0.99 2.81
Intl Growth Inc 32.00 34.25 - 0.31 0.64
Market Leaders Inc 22.29 23.86 - 0.06 2.87

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU
031 668 3724
Equity Inc 370.50 395.10 - 4.10 2.78
UK High Inc 192.60 205.40 - 3.00 3.61
Europe Inc 341.40 364.10 - 1.90 0.31
Nth Amer Inc 212.30 226.50 -12.40 ...
Global Inc 212.70 226.90 - 2.60 0.61
UK Spec Sits Inc 106.20 113.30 - 1.00 2.88
South East Asia 224.70 239.70 - 3.30 0.67
Cash Trust Inc 101.10 101.10 ... 4.40

SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010
Sector Recovery 164.20 172.50* - 5.90 3.87

SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO
5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010
European 124.10 130.60 - 0.10 0.79
Nth American 102.70 108.10 - 3.90 0.43
Intl Bond & Conv 132.10 139.10 - 0.60 4.46
Pooled Pension (K) 182.00 194.70 - 6.20 .
Smaller Cos 73.29 77.13 - 1.64 1.11
UK General 127.70 134.40 + 0.70 1.92

SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966
Income 407.01 432.99* - 1.41 4.27
Global Inc 65.87 70.07* - 1.23 2.67
Brit Leaders 326.42 347.26* + 0.82 2.33
Intl Leaders 202.30 215.31* - 5.38 0.62
PAM Mg Bal Grth 64.39 66.90* - 0.87 0.96

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226
Amer Gth Fund ‡ 91.23 ... - 3.77 1.25
Aztec ‡ ... ...
European ‡ 121.70 ... + 2.00 ...
Global Bond ‡ 103.20 ... + 0.20 7.21
Samurai ‡ 98.01 ... + 1.16 ...
UK Growth ‡ 100.70 ... - 0.80 3.73
Tai Pan ‡ 105.90 ... - 0.10 ...

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS
071 637 5377
American 300.40 317.90 -11.30 0.30
Canadian 82.26 87.04 - 2.52 0.26
Capital 133.20 142.90 - 1.50 1.00
Cash 100.16 100.16* - 0.06 4.54
European 135.70 143.50 - 0.50 0.28
Far Eastern 176.70 186.90* + 1.70 ...
Growth 144.30 152.60 - 0.80 1.13
Income 130.00 137.50* - 0.80 4.30
Magnum 142.50 152.80 - 1.50 1.00

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth
0202 298 422
Cash 50.29 50.79 + 0.03 4.30
Cntrld Prfmnce 58.79 62.71 - 0.21 7.60
Ethical 57.74 61.42 - 0.17 3.10
European Growth 72.44 77.27 - 0.53 2.40
Income 56.45 60.21 - 0.22 5.50
Intl Growth 97.78 104.30 - 1.50 2.60
Managed 80.69 86.07 - 0.82 3.40
UK Growth 61.87 65.99 - 0.23 3.60

STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777
Managed Acc 50.12 53.26 - 0.35 1.86
UK Equity Gth Acc 70.40 74.80 - 1.11 1.19
-do- High Inc Inc 38.25 40.65 - 0.21 2.06
-do- High Inc Acc 45.93 48.81 - 0.25 2.98
UK Equity Gen Acc 60.53 64.32 - 0.43 2.06
UK Equity Gen Inc 45.62 48.48 - 0.33 2.06
UK Lrgr Co Acc 429.90 456.70 - 2.20 3.31
UK Lrgr Co Inc 319.30 346.50 - 1.70 3.31
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 32.02 33.87 ... 5.48
Oseas Lrg Co Acc 314.20 341.00 - 1.10 1.43
Nth American Acc 43.98 46.73 - 1.53 0.70
Far East Acc 68.53 72.82 + 0.38 2.53
European Acc 50.13 53.27 - 0.28 0.63

STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD
28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7800
Global A (N23) 3.823 4.058 - 0.07 1.27
US Eqts (US$) 2.250 2.389 - 0.07 0.65
Far East Eqs (yen) 252.50 268.20 - 2.80 ...
Japan Eqties (yen) 251.60 267.30 - 7.50 ...
FT Europe 128.40 136.30 - 1.90 1.75
FT N Amer (US$) 1.723 1.827 - 0.06 1.17
FT Japan (yen) 238.20 253.00 - 4.10 ...
FT Asia Exjap (US$) 2.391 2.539 - 0.09 0.78

STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271
American 365.10 389.40 -14.10 0.06
British £10.54 £11.15* -12.90 3.28
Emrging Mkts 162.90 173.50 + 1.70 0.20
European 532.60 566.90 + 1.40 0.96
Japan 170.70 181.30* + 3.90 ...
New Pacific 380.50 405.90 + 3.80 0.75
Investment Tst 229.60 243.40 - 0.09 0.99
Mngd Equity 178.60 189.00 + 0.40 1.39

SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 399
Equity 808.10 864.30 - 7.10 3.30
North America 129.20 138.20 - 5.40 0.46
Far East 154.70 165.50 - 1.00 ...
Wwide Bond 60.45 64.17 + 0.55 4.56
European 105.70 113.00 + 0.20 ...
Equity Income 92.68 99.12 - 0.84 4.40
Portfolio 86.57 92.59 - 1.09 0.86

SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725
American Growth 34.13 36.51 - 1.37 0.57
Managed Assets 126.87 135.70 - 1.15 2.41
UK Income 39.26 41.99 - 0.36 3.61
UK Growth 38.53 41.21 - 0.32 2.00
Worldwide Growth 34.97 37.41 - 0.69 0.20

SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD
101, Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD
Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010
Master Portfolio 49.99 53.47 - 0.44 ...
Cap Protector Inc 43.21 46.21 + 0.25 2.20
UK Income Inc 52.78 56.45 + 0.35 2.48
Mngd Extra Inc Inc 32.83 35.11 + 0.12 3.34
Mngd High Yld Inc 81.35 87.01 + 0.46 3.42
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc 76.96 82.31 + 0.15 2.48
Mngd Wwide Gth 38.04 40.68 - 0.30 ...
UK Smaller Cos 35.56 38.03 - 0.31 1.46
Pacific Grth Port 44.39 47.48 - 0.54 ...

SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010
Equity Dist 534.40 554.90 -19.40 2.14
Fixed Int Dist 119.60 123.90 - 3.40 7.28
UK Indx Trck Dist 127.00 134.40 - 3.10 2.88

TSB UNIT TRUSTS
Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE
0264 346 794
American 217.17 231.03 - 8.71 ...
Brit Growth 93.25 99.20* + 0.77 1.94
European 113.56 120.60* + 1.91 0.33
Extra Income 201.20 214.04* - 1.14 3.82
Smaller Cos 76.47 81.35* - 1.45 1.03
General 283.91 302.03 - 2.93 2.23
Premier Income 52.83 55.03 - 0.02 5.68
Income 349.69 372.01 - 3.03 3.43
Pacific 438.29 466.27 + 9.23 ...
International 563.85 599.84 + 0.57 0.17
Nat Resources 178.11 189.48* - 6.52 0.06
Skld Opps 110.15 117.18* - 1.98 1.06
Environmental Inv 63.55 67.60 + 1.22 1.78
Selector 65.14 69.30 - 0.68 2.22
High Income 65.63 69.82 - 0.23 4.44

TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 667 1068
British 330.60 347.90 - 1.90 2.57

TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EH 031 469 4000
Glob Growth Inc 199.37 212.24 - 3.69 1.60
Glob Balncd Inc 170.74 182.61 - 3.39 2.94
Value Tst Inc 121.30 129.74 - 1.36 1.48

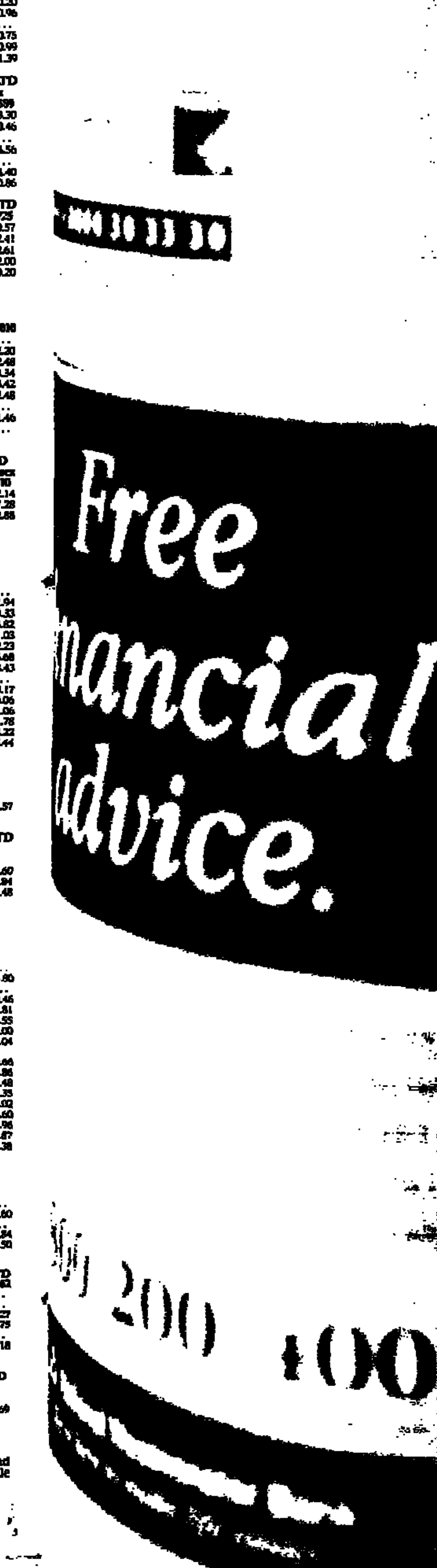
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX
071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3081
Amer Smllr Cos 66.21 70.62* - 3.72 ...
Dresdner Eur Bd 42.49 44.65* + 0.62 5.80
Japan Tst 93.67 99.91 + 1.26 ...
Little Dragons 95.47 101.83 - 1.42 0.46
Oriental Income 48.22 51.43* + 0.21 4.81
Tiger 270.96 289.04 - 1.58 0.55
UK Blue Chip 61.73 65.94 - 0.70 3.00
UK Smllr Cos 105.21 112.52* - 1.30 1.04
Formerly Albina
Nth Amer Gwth 221.93 237.15 -10.41 0.66
European Growth 278.82 296.10* + 0.75 0.86
Exempt 526.15 550.02 - 9.00 3.48
UK High Yield 107.30 114.04 + 0.59 3.35
Iberian Growth 49.48 52.64* + 0.17 0.02
Intl Growth 107.36 114.45 - 1.17 0.60
Preference 129.88 137.11 - 0.53 7.96
UK Recovery 271.77 289.12 - 2.65 1.87
UK Smllr Cos Div 104.17 110.81 - 1.42 4.38

WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551
Australasian Gold 31.14 33.12 - 2.88 ...
Pacific Basin 39.43 41.94 - 0.84 0.60
Can Balncd Gwth 34.12 36.29* - 1.51 ...
Global Bond (US$) 0.89 0.93 - 0.01 5.34
Penny Share 31.74 33.76 + 1.45 1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0462
Challenger 96.51 98.75 + 0.66 ...
Short Dtd Gilt 110.30 111.70 - 0.70 ...
US Govt Bd (US$) 0.72 0.73 ... 2.27
Gilt Income 51.58 53.69* + 0.03 6.75
Gilt Growth 70.65 73.52 + 0.24 ...
City Reserve 52.25 52.25 + 0.06 4.18

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000
Stockmarket Fd 77.63 82.58 - 0.81 1.69

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.



هكذا من الأهل

INTEREST RATES ROUNDUP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/cs:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.18	3.18	2.54	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.28	3.28	2.62	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	2.57	2.57	2.05	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.00	3.00	2.40	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	3.18	3.18	2.54	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528855
" "	3.37	3.37	2.69	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528855
NatWest	3.28	3.28	2.62	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" "	3.28	3.28	2.62	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	2.88	2.93	2.34	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.70	1.70	1.35	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.19	0.19	0.15	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.56	3.62	2.90	2,000‡	none	0800 555864
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	0272 433272
Midland HICA	1.12	1.12	0.90	2,000‡	none	0742 528855
Abbey National HICA	0.75	0.75	0.60	1,000‡	none	Local Branch
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.13	1.13	0.90	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank Inst Cheque Acct	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	071-600 6020
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
B						
Northern Rock *	4.61	4.73	3.69	2,500 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock *	5.06	5.06	4.05	25,000 min	Postal	——
Bristol & West	4.84	4.84	3.87	100,000 min	30 day	——
Asset (Brist&West)	5.14	5.14	4.11	10,000 min	90 day	——
Alliance & Leics	5.40	5.40	4.32	50,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Shorham Midshires	5.25	5.25	4.20	100,000 min	Postal	——
North of England	5.02	5.02	4.02	25,000 min	30 day	——
North of England	5.25	5.25	4.20	25,000 min	60 day	——
The Scarborough	5.40	5.40	4.32	25,000 min	90 day	——
Alliance & Leics	5.21	5.21	4.17	30,000 min	1 year	——
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c†	3.25	2.44	1.95	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	5.25	3.94	3.15	20-499	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	6.50	4.88	3.90	2,000-24,999	3 mth	0253 766151
7th Index Lnkd†*	3.00	3.00	3.00	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
41st Issue Cert†	5.40	5.40	5.40	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.40	5.40	5.40	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.35	7.35	7.35	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Rate†	3.51	3.51	3.51			
Capital Bond*	7.25	5.44	4.35	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond*	4.50	4.50	3.60	1,000-250,000		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Premium Life	4.30	4.30	3.66	1,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from Chase de Vere 071 404 5766 for details
Consolidated Lf	4.75	4.75	4.04	2,000 min	2 yrs	
General Portfolio	5.50	5.50	4.68	50,000 min	3 yrs	
General Portfolio	6.10	6.10	5.19	50,000 min	4 yrs	
Templeton Life	6.00	6.00	5.10	2,000 min	5 yrs	

RATES		HOLIDAY RATES	£ buys
RPI (Feb 93-94)	+2.4%	Spanish Pesetas:	195.50
Bank Base Rate	5.25%	French Francs:	8.22
Personal Loan	28%	Greek Drachmas:	358.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2344.00

TESSA	CAR (%)	£3,000 val 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investmt	Telephone number
Hinkley & Rug	7.60	£3,228.00	90 day loss	£3,000	0455 251234
Dunfermline	7.30	£3,219.00	1mths notice+loss	£3,000	0383 721621
Asset (B & W)	7.25	£3,217.50	—	£3,000	0800 303330
TSB Bank	7.25	£3,217.50	—	£250	021 8006020
National Count	7.25	£3,217.50	90 day loss	£3,000	0372 742211

† 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 of less * Additional holdings up to £50,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates ‡Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross ‡Higher rates for larger sums ‡Guaranteed over the rate of inflation ‡ 0.3% not bonus for amounts £20,000+ , * 7 days notice for withdrawals, 0.25% gross bonus if no withdrawals in a year

Compiled by LUCY DUPUIS

LARGER LOANS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Chelsea 0483 728233	2.99	£15,001+	80	After 4.65% discount for 12 months
Northern Rock 0800 591500	2.99	£20-£150K	90	After 4.75% discount to 1.6.95
Universal 091 232 0973	2.74	£20-£100K	75	After 5.0% disc. for 6 mths, during April
BANKS				
Bank of Ireland 0734 510100	3.75	£30-£145K	75	Capped to 1.6.95
BANKS				
Mortgage Serv. Ltd. 0344 394000	3.69	£15-£500K	75	Rate fixed to 1.5.95

Source: Bisy's MortgageMatch. Further info. Bisy's Guides 0753 888482

Your guarantee of certainty ASSET

Telephone Access - 24 hours a day - 365 days a year.

TELEPHONE FREE ON 0800 30 33 30

INSTANT ACCESS, 90 DAY, HICA, MONTHLY INCOME, TERM, TESSA.
Asset is a division of the Bristol & West Building Society.

Tax time-bomb primed

The Government's much-heralded taxation time-bomb is due to go off next Wednesday. Where salary earners are concerned, the damage is already accruing as tax is deducted at the new rate from the whole of the first salary paid after April 5. The changes will include:

■ A reduction of up to £344 a year in married couples' tax relief for all higher rate taxpayers because relief is now restricted to 20 per cent, rather than 25 per cent. Basic rate payers will lose up to £86.

■ All class one national insurance contributions will be 1 per cent higher. Annual NI payments will rise by a maximum £237.

■ Mortgage interest relief falls from 25 per cent to 20 per cent.

■ Fuel bills are subject to 8 per cent value-added tax.

■ Company cars will be taxed at 35 per cent of their original list price, rather than on engine size as previously. There will also be changes relating to the amount of miles driven on business. The driver of a £20,000 company car not used for business will have £7,000 added to his or her taxable salary. This falls by a third if more than 2,500 business miles are driven, and by two-thirds over 18,000.

■ The widening of the 20 per cent tax band from £2,500 to £3,000 means everyone will be better off by £25 a year.



David Major: calculates the tax bills

CASE 1

Mr and Mrs C earn £40,000 and £25,000 a year respectively. They pay 7.6 per cent interest on their £90,000 mortgage. Mr C claims the mortgage interest relief.

He drives a BMW 320i company car (original market value below £19,250, list price inclusive of delivery £19,590). He travels fewer than 2,500 business miles and his employer pays for petrol. Annual gas and electricity bills total £1,000.

David Major, personal tax partner at Touche Ross, the accountant, calculates that Mr C's tax bill will rise from £11,782 to £13,136 and his NI contributions from £1,762 to £1,999. Mrs C suffers the same NI increase, but her income tax bill falls from £5,264 to £5,239. She benefits from the wider 20 per cent tax band, and is *unaffected by any reductions in tax relief*. This, plus £80 VAT on fuel bills, will leave the couple £1,883 worse off next year, a monthly tax increase of £156.92.

CASE 2

Mr X is 75 and his wife 70. His annual gross income is £30,000; hers £10,000. Their annual fuel bill is £550 and private medical insurance before tax relief £600 each. Mr X's tax liability will rise from £6,014 to £6,423 under the new tax regime, a monthly rise of £33.83. VAT on fuel will cost £3.67 a month. Mrs X will pay £2.08 less tax each month. Their state pension will rise by £9.97 a month. The couple face a total net increase in their monthly tax bill of £25.45.

LIZ DOLAN

WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

The Abbey National habit of bags full of coins

From A. R. Gallagher
Sir, Neil Murray's letter (Weekend Money, March 26) concerning the refusal of Abbey National to accept small change certainly rang a bell.

A few months ago, I went into a branch of Abbey National to obtain £50 of silver as a float for a scout group jumble sale. I was somewhat taken aback to be informed that they did not deal with coins, and that what I needed was a bank. When I pointed out that the Abbey National was a bank — and my bank at that — the cashier mumbled something about offering financial services, into which category changing cash did not apparently come.

Yours faithfully,
A. R. GALLAGHER,
4 Mavis Court, 4 Raven Close, Colindale, NW9.

From Mr Malcolm Parker
Sir, I read with interest Mr Murray's letter ("Loose change ...", March 26) regarding his attempt to deposit small change at one of our branches.

Abbey National has a general policy of accepting deposits in small change up to a value of £15, providing such deposits are properly and separately bagged by coin denomination. Above the £15 value, accepting small change deposits is at the discretion of the individual branch. We do, however, try to encourage our staff to take into consideration customers' individual requests when making such decisions. It does appear, in Mr Murray's case, that our general policy was employed rather strictly by the Strand branch. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM PARKER
(Retail Director Sales),
Abbey National,
Abbey House,
Baker Street, NW1.

Bad risk or good risk

From Mr Richard A. Bailey
Sir, My bank just sent me a statement of interest rates applying to overdrafts and credit balances. I was aghast to see that rates on money owed by me to the bank were over five times greater than on money owed by the bank to me. Then I noticed that the overdraft rates are quoted "per month", therefore over 60 times greater. Am I such a bad credit risk? Is the bank such a good one?

Yours,
RICHARD BAILEY,
22 Wolsey Road, Moor Park, Northwood, Middlesex.



Widow's allowance

From Mr Harry Price
Sir, Will you please tell Phyllis in *Coronation Street* (March 11) that she is *not* entitled to Bereavement Allowance of £1,720 because I feel sure she has been a widow for more than two years.

I am sure you know that this allowance is given in the year of husband's death and for the following year.

I hope the Inland Revenue will not be flooded with claims following your article.

Yours sincerely,
HARRY PRICE,
Wydale, 16 Walnut Tree Walk, Ratton, Eastbourne.

Here's a way of topping up your company pension that won't tax you.

By making free-standing AVCs with The Equitable you can look forward to retirement and receive tax relief on your contributions at the highest rate that you pay: a major benefit, especially when you consider the possible alternative.

To get the maximum pension available you usually have to be in the same company pension scheme for 40 years.

Even if you only change your job once, your pension may suffer a considerable fall.

Change your job several times and the position would be worse still.

Remember that the value of tax relief available will depend on individual circumstances and that current legislation can change in the future.

If you would like more information by post and by telephone, call Aylesbury (0296) 26226 or return the coupon below.

The more you put into your pension, the more you'll get out of retirement.

MEMBER OF LAUTRO

THE EQUITABLE LIFE, FREEPOST, WALTON STREET, AYLESBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HP21 7BR

To The Equitable Life, FREEPOST, Walton Street, AYLESBURY, Bucks HP21 7BR
I would welcome information on the Equitable's free-standing AVC plans ☐
TMVG4A

NAME (Mr Mrs Miss) _____
ADDRESS _____

Tel: (Office) _____ Postcode _____
Tel: (Home) _____
Date of Birth _____

We guarantee that no company outside The Equitable Group will receive these details. If however you would prefer to receive no further information from us, please tick this box ☐

Founded 1762

The Equitable Life
You profit from our principles

2% DISCOUNT ... IF YOU INVEST £4,000 OR MORE IN ONE OF OUR: UNIT TRUST PEPs

NO INITIAL PLAN CHARGE ... IF YOU INVEST £4,000 OR MORE IN OUR: MANAGED PORTFOLIO PEP or DEALING PLAN PEP

THE SAVE & PROSPER PEP

Save & Prosper's Personal Equity Plan is an excellent way of investing up to £6,000 a year in the stock market, with all your investment returns tax-free. With the typical building society interest rates at just 3.0% (net)* there has rarely been a better time to look at the potential for higher returns from investment in equities.

And if you take advantage of our New Tax Year offers you can make additional savings. On total investments of £4,000 or more in our Managed Portfolio PEP or Dealing Plan PEP there is no initial plan charge if you invest before 31st May 1994. And there is a 2% discount on investments in our Unit Trust PEP.

Save & Prosper is one of the leaders in the Personal Equity Plan Market with over 100,000 plans. We are part of Flemings, who currently manages over £45 billion worldwide and is one of the UK's leading merchant banks.

Act Now

To qualify for our Special Offers your application must reach us no later than 31st May 1994. Invest now and make the most of your 1994/95 tax-free PEP allowance.

*Based on higher rate account at 1/3/94, £5,000 balance. Source: Micropal.

CALL FREE 0800 282 101
9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. ● 7 DAYS A WEEK

To Save & Prosper Group Ltd, FREEPOST, Romford RM1 1BR.
Please send me details of Save & Prosper's PEPs.

Surname Forenames
Mr/Mrs/Miss
Address
Postcode Home Tel (STD) No
Work Tel (STD) No
So that we may call and offer further information.

THE VALUE OF INVESTMENTS WITHIN A PEP, AND ANY INCOME FROM THEM, CAN GO DOWN AS WELL AS UP AND YOU MAY NOT GET BACK THE FULL AMOUNT YOU INVESTED. TAX CONCESSIONS ARE NOT GUARANTEED AND MAY BE CHANGED AT ANY TIME; THEIR VALUE WILL DEPEND ON YOUR INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES. PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT A GUIDE TO FUTURE RETURNS. SAVE & PROSPER GROUP LTD. IS A MEMBER OF IMRO AND LAUTRO.

SAVE & PROSPER
THE INVESTMENT HOUSE
414/BD/BA

Free financial advice.

If you have at least £5,000 to invest, you've everything to gain from personal financial advice. Especially when it's straightforward, and offered free. To arrange your appointment with a NatWest Adviser, call today on

0800 200 400

Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm. Saturday 9am to 6pm, Sunday 9am to 5pm.

National Westminster Bank
We're here to make life easier

National Westminster Bank Plc. Member of IMRO. Member of the NatWest Life and NatWest Unit Trust Marketing Group. Registered No. 929027 England. Registered Office: 41 Lothbury, London EC2P 2BP. Ref No. 89085

EMERGING MARKETS

Lured by the phenomenal buying potential of tomorrow's consumers, investors are turning to the world's developing nations. **David Rudnick** reports

Pioneers in a new world



Stock market traders in Bombay: what used to be a pioneering field has become a normal part of investment business

Investment in emerging markets or, more specifically, the more dynamic economies of the developing world, is more than just the current flavour of the month. Interest in emerging markets has been booming for some time, buoyed by the slowdown in the developed world, and that is reflected in the hype now often surrounding the promotion of emerging market funds.

The basic attraction is that, because of the low incomes in the developing world, there is enormous growth potential as the pent-up buying power of huge populations starts to build up.

The statistics may be nebulous, but they set the scene. More than three billion people live in emerging markets as defined by the International Finance Corporation, a World Bank affiliate that acts as godfather for the transfer of funds to the world's developing countries. Their gross domestic product, according to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, is set to grow over the long term by 6.5 per cent a year.

"For the investor, this translates into vastly superior earnings per share," explains Dr Arnab Banerji, chief investment officer at Foreign & Colonial Emerging Markets. By contrast, the one billion people who inhabit the developed countries of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development can look forward to only 2 or 3 per cent growth at most.

Emerging markets are not a new invention. Before the 1917 Communist revolution Russia was an emerging market; only now is it painfully starting to reintegrate itself into the world economy. Italy emerged as a consumer society in the 1950s, followed by Spain a decade or two later. Greece and Turkey are following in their footsteps, with a queue of what used to be called Third World countries, notably including China, bringing up the rear. Even Britain was an emerging market 150 years ago.

Today, however, recession in the mature economies is propelling big investing institutions — pension funds, banks and insurance companies — to quicken and widen their search for profitable capital outlets. Last year was a vintage year, with the average return on equity investment in emerging markets approaching 70 per cent. According to *Micropal*, a publication which monitors emerging-market performance, even the worst-performing equity fund gained over 30 per cent.

Investors and fund managers have to live with volatility in emerging markets, however. When a small number of listed companies dominates the Stock Exchange, a very modest movement can have a wildly disproportionate effect.

But fund managers agree that in the aggregate, emerging markets do not seem to show appreciably more volatility than developed markets. For one thing, they show far less correlation of movement than the world's leading markets, so that ups and downs cancel each other to deliver rough and ready stability.

London, New York and Tokyo are far more interdependent than, say, Warsaw, Bangkok and Buenos Aires. So smaller may be safer after all if you are widely spread and, above all, patient. Peter Jeffries, managing director of Fund Research, a London firm that researches fund managers worldwide, comments: "A minimum three-to-five year view is needed."

Today's low interest rates are forcing British retail investors to be bold. Investment funds specialising in emerging markets are springing up to channel savings into the world's new growth areas. What used to be an esoteric, pioneering field for the buccaneer has become a normal part of investment business.

Fund managers report that rising US interest rates have been syphoning some cash out of emerging markets towards higher returns in America. But this is generally dismissed as a passing cloud. If some emerging market funds have shrunk in size recently, analysts, with only a touch of nervousness, ascribe it mainly to profit-taking after last year's bonanza.

The consensus view is that whatever short-term setbacks may arise, long-term economic fundamentals make strong emerging-market growth inevitable.

In the past, developing countries have typically been at the mercy of volatile commodity markets in which sudden price falls can spell ruin. By promoting the process of industrialisation, emerging-market funds can claim to be diversifying developing economies, stabilising their export revenues and boosting their international competitiveness. Meanwhile, cheap labour and other productive factors offer attractive returns to the investor.

In country after country privatisation and market-freeing measures are setting the stage for the completely free movement of funds around the world. The process was already well under way in the last century before being interrupted by revolution in this one. Now a new revolution has reset the wheels in motion.

First find your fund manager

With a bewildering array of choice, good advice is essential

With more than 500 emerging-market equity funds to choose from, an investor may well feel bewildered about where to entrust his cash. The first question is whether to choose an open-ended or closed-ended fund.

A unit trust is an open-ended investment vehicle, because the managers can create new units or cancel existing ones in line with market conditions. An investment trust is closed-ended because it has a finite share capital. Both have their pluses and minuses.

"Open-ended funds always trade at or around their net asset value," explains Chris Poll, chairman of *Micropal*, the publication which monitors emerging market funds. "So the investor knows he will get the current market value when he sells."

> 'Emerging markets are volatile, so you may prefer to invest conservatively'

The drawback is that the fund's open structure permits sudden big inflows or outflows of money. While this makes life difficult for the managers rather than the investors, the latter can be affected too if the fund is inundated with cash faster than the managers can place it.

On the other hand, as Roger Palmer, a director of Emerging Markets at Kleinwort Benson, points out, if a number of retail investors choose to liquidate their holdings, open-ended fund managers become forced sellers and the fund loses accordingly. To guard against possible large cash outflows, managers may need to keep a large liquid reserve.

The close-ended fund scores by enabling managers to be more or less fully invested. "They know just how much money they've got, and they don't have to keep looking over their shoulder to second-guess whether money is coming in or going out," Mr Palmer explains.

A closed-ended fund offers both more risk and greater opportunity. The investor, not the manager, bears the liquidity risk since the fund's share price can trade at a discount or at a premium to its net asset value.

Mr Poll advises the first-time retail investor dabbling in emerging markets to buy cautiously into an open-ended, and global, fund. "Don't try to be too clever. Go for a broad spread." But if an investor does feel confident and experienced enough to go nap on a single country fund, he mentions Genesis Chile, currently trading at a discount price of $27 against a net asset value of $36.

Another question is gearing, called leverage in the US. Is it wise to buy into a highly-geared fund? Closed-ended funds are allowed to borrow money to finance additional investments — but do you want to be a highly-geared investor? Mr Palmer has his doubts: "Emerging markets are volatile at the best of times, so you may prefer to invest on a conservative basis."

Technicalities aside, investors are advised to check funds' track record and the experience of their manager. British firms are said to be strongest in Asia and the Pacific rim, weakest in Latin America, and learning as they go in Eastern Europe. "Picking the right fund manager is more crucial than anything else," in Mr Palmer's view.

Mr Poll agrees. "There's a lot of press coverage of emerging markets, but nothing like enough detailed analysis of funds' performance, their consistency and how they cope with emerging markets' volatility," he says.

Finally, if you choose to invest in a global fund, check on the regional allocation of its assets. Actuarial research suggests that 80 per cent of a fund's success is owed to getting the general direction right rather than virtuosity at stock-picking.

Running risks in a volatile situation

Emerging markets are still largely untamed. Being new, many of them are on a steep learning curve, trying to acquire in a rush the skills and infrastructure that took decades to develop in the established centres.

> Investing in rapidly changing societies carries many traps for the unwary

Many emerging markets, and not only in Eastern Europe, have still not jettisoned old traditions of state control of the financial sector. This often prevents markets from working as efficiently and transparently as the foreign investor would like.

Officially he is welcomed, but in practice he is held at arm's length. His capital is needed, but he is not allowed to use it to buy significantly into local companies; that is the case in South Korea and Taiwan. Or he is compelled to lock his capital in for a period of years, and face bureaucratic restrictions on repatriating his dividends, as in Chile.

Even where government policies are unequivocally business-friendly, poor (or non-existent) legal and accounting standards can make investment unsafe, if not hazardous. People in Eastern Europe are working diligently to fill these gaps, aided by western consultants and accountancy firms. But standards of auditing and of company disclosures vary widely.

When procedures are slow and price movements quick, investors are vulnerable. It reputedly took one fund manager a month to place $1 million, by which time the asset's price had doubled — before doubling again the next month.

Similarly, when currencies are subject to violent daily or even hourly fluctuations, care and skill are needed to avoid heavy losses. "You can lose up to 10 per cent of an exchange transaction if you time it wrong," warns Dr Arnab Banerji at Foreign and Colonial. "Don't be left holding local cash. Let professionals negotiate spot rates on screen and execute transactions within seconds to avoid foreign exchange exposure."



Arnab Banerji warns of "headaches"

Lack of currency convertibility, as well as a weak currency, can cause difficulties. Morocco has established convertibility at least for current transactions, while South Africa offers a premium exchange rate, the financial Rand, to foreign investors.

Lack of market liquidity is the most basic drawback, however. "This can cause headaches from Eastern Europe to Colombia, or indeed anywhere where turnover is small," Dr Banerji notes. "It's not such a problem for closed-end funds, but we warn our investors to be prepared to hold stocks for anything from three to five years to offset illiquidity."

The difficulty of remitting money from some emerging markets can also be a worry for fund managers, especially if they are heavily invested in the more obscure places. On the other hand, these markets tend to be small and insignificant even by developing country standards, so that the amounts of money involved are rarely large.

Risk and emerging markets are virtually synonymous. In countries where inflation is endemic and devaluation is a way of life, as in some parts of Latin America, stock-market appreciation may not be enough to compensate for currency losses.

Political risk is ultimately the most serious, as well as the most unquantifiable element. Developments like the assassination of a presidential candidate in Mexico, military threats from North Korea, or fears of tribal warfare in South Africa can totally negate a raft of positive economic indicators.

Politics in developing countries can be as volatile and unpredictable as their markets. An investor making his risk assessment should take into account the projected time-scale of his exposure, as well as the economic relevance of political trends.

Schroder UK Equity — 1st since launch in 1972*
Schroder Tokyo — 1st since launch in 1981
Schroder Japanese Sm. Cos — 1st since launch in 1984
Schroder UK Enterprise — 1st since launch in 1988
Schroder US Smaller Cos — 1st since launch in 1990
Schroder

Little wonder that Schroders have a world-class reputation

Such performance will raise few eyebrows in some circles.

After all, a reputation such as Schroders' cannot be built by merely providing impressive short term results. The truth is, Schroders have consistently delivered outstanding performance for many years.

Nor is it an achievement that has gone unnoticed. We now have over £5.4 billion under management from those who already know about our track record.

Of course, you may wonder how such an accomplished performance is maintained so consistently.

The reality is that Schroders have resources above and beyond those of most organisations. The Group has over 3000 staff in 20 countries. Through them we obtain the in-depth research and local knowledge which has produced a series of top performing funds.

So our results over the last three, five and ten years will come as little surprise.

All of which begs one question. Wouldn't you be better off with Schroders?

For more information on our world-class performance, return the coupon below or call Schroder ClientLine on 0800 526 535.

CALL SCHRODER CLIENTLINE ON
0800 526 535



To: Schroder Unit Trusts Limited, 00518 FREEPOST, London EC4B 4AX

Please send me a free copy of "How to Invest in a Schroder Unit Trust"

Name

Address

Postcode

Tel. No.

Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and the investor may not get back the amount originally invested.

Schroder Unit Trusts Limited is a member of IMRO, LAUTRO and AUTIF.

Source: Micropal Offer to Bid with net income reinvested to 21.3.94. *Schroder UK Equity in the UK Equity General Sector (3.1.72 first date recorded on Micropal) +2528% 1st of 15. Schroder Japanese Smaller Companies in Japan Sector since launch (16.1.84) +911% 1st of 26. Schroder US Smaller Companies in North America Sector since launch (20.2.90) +216% 1st of 108. Schroder Tokyo in Japan Sector since launch (27.2.81) +1191% 1st of 11. Schroder UK Enterprise in the UK Equity Growth Sector since launch (6.7.88) +185% 1st of 113.

Schroders
Schroder Investment Management

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

Where to take a global gamble

David Rudnick takes a spin round the world and picks out some of the most exciting regions for investors with enough money and nerve

Do not put all your eggs in one basket unless your risk appetite is insatiable. Investing globally in funds with exposure across the whole emerging spectrum of Asia, Latin America, Europe and maybe Africa *should offer* greater safety through diversity.

That said, there is no reason why you should not take a reasonable gamble on funds specialising in a particular developing region. Investing in single-country funds demands much more nerve — and large sums of money behind you.

ASIA

LAST year Asia attracted an estimated 60 per cent of all new funds staked on emerging markets. This year sentiment is slightly less bullish. Having made sizeable profits, many investment funds are taking them and moving into other areas, notably Latin America. Others are not so sure. Save & Prosper, for instance, has just launched a global emerging-markets fund with 45 per cent of assets reportedly allotted to East Asia, against only 40 per cent to Latin America.

South Korea features among S&P's special-country funds but, like others, S&P is frustrated by the Seoul government's protectionist attitudes and its refusal to allow foreign investors to buy more than 10 per cent of a company's stock. The present military threat from North Korea is an adverse influence, says Peter Jeffries at Fund Research, but it is affecting not just South Korea, but all East Asian markets.

The **China** market may be a different story. Fleming Emerging Markets investment trust recently opened a Chinese fund which, after an initial 45 per cent surge, has relapsed into the doldrums. Steven Bates, the fund manager, ascribes the setback to big capital flights from Hong Kong, which is widely used as a base for investing in China, as higher American interest rates lure funds away to the US.

But long-term expectations remain upbeat for China. "In 1979, the Chinese set out to quadruple the size of their economy by 2000," says Mr Jeffries. "They're almost there already. Ten per cent annual growth over the past 25 years won't stop suddenly."

Thailand and **Malaysia** are edging closer to Asian-tiger status, but they too are suffering from a loss of liquidity to the US. To minimise investor risk, Fleming, together with Stoy Hayward, the accountants, are introducing a five-year warrant, the Pan Asian Bojing, which will enable investors to share in 70 per cent of any growth in **Hong Kong**, Thailand, Malaysia or **Singapore**, while receiving a guarantee that at least 95 per cent of their investment will be returned at the end of the term.

This is the first time investors in these volatile markets have been offered such a guarantee. Applications close on April 19. But the minimum stake is £25,000.

South Korea and **Taiwan** avoid the disruptions suffered by their freer-spirited neighbours by imposing limitations on foreign capital inflows. Taiwan has just raised its limit from $5 billion to $7.5 billion, but even now it remains a paltry 4.5 per cent of Taipei's $166 billion capitalisation.

Dr Arnab Banerji, chief investment officer at Foreign & Colonial Emerging Markets, says: "It's easy to get out, but you have to queue to get in.



The high-tech Moscow stock exchange: currently only for the intrepid punter. Russia has enormous long-term potential

Rising US rates aren't hitting these two markets because they were never inundated with short-term US funds to begin with. They're not natural havens for US mutuals."

Taiwan and Hong Kong compete to attract funds seeking access to the huge Chinese market. "It's not easy to buy directly into China," Dr Banerji explains. "There are only 30 stocks open to foreigners, 15 each in Shanghai and Shenzhen."

India also offers great potential market growth, if not on quite the same scale as China. Martin Currie, the Edinburgh fund-managers, and Indbank, the Indian merchant bank, have opened the first offshore managed-investment company investing solely in Indian securities. Incorporated in Bermuda, the Indian Opportunities Fund has access to India's 6,000 listed companies and a total market capitalisation of over $60 billion.

Unfortunately India's emerging capital market is experiencing teething troubles, since it was designed for small retail investors rather than big institutions. The inflow of foreign portfolio investment is straining the settlement system so much that some custodian banks are refusing new business.

Otherwise India presents a healthy profile. "Earnings per share on the Bombay stock market grew last year by 32 per cent, and are forecast to grow by 45 per cent this year," says Dr Banerji.

The downsides are inflation on a rising trend at 8 per cent and a very expensive stock-market valuation, the price/earnings ratio hitting 40.

Asia's outstanding popularity with investors last year has made its stock markets generally expensive, but Mr Jeffries still believes the best growth prospects probably lie there. Not everyone agrees.

LATIN AMERICA

LATIN America offers better value, in Dr Banerji's view. "Its growth rate is similar to Asia's, but P/E ratios are half, so that you get the same growth at half price." Big money has been transferring to Latin America, attracted by perceived improvements in the political situation, stable anti-inflationary economic policies and expected benefits from the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta).

British fund managers are among those jumping on the Latin bandwagon. Morgan Grenfell has just opened a regional Companies Trust aiming at "long-term capital growth in companies not yet widely known." Edinburgh Fund Managers have started an Inca Trust, and Templeton is also moving in, believing that added liquidity will advance privatisation plans and deepen local stock markets.

Mexico apparently remains a prime attraction despite political violence and recent regional unrest. Its average P/E ratio is around 12 and seen as a bargain. Interest rates are falling, the economy is due for a pre-election stimulus and Nafta is boosting exports to the expanding US market, which takes the lion's share of Mexican exports.

Brazil, always the land of great expectations, remains plagued by 45 per cent inflation and a currency depreciating by nearly 2 per cent a day in dollar terms. But Dr Banerji is bullish all the same. "The stock-market index is rising even faster. Last year it rose 111 per cent in real dollar terms, and this year it has already risen a further 57 per cent, offering investors solid returns."

Chile has inflation much more under control. It also has a settled political climate and stands to benefit from increased US investor interest through Nafta. **Argentina** is similarly placed. Among the smaller Latin markets, **Colombia** enjoys a surprising degree of favour, with foreign investment in new oilfields leading a dash for growth.

EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE

A GROWING number of emerging market funds include this region in their portfolios. The fledgeling stock markets are attracting local and foreign money, especially in **Warsaw**, **Prague** and **Budapest**.

Last year Warsaw's performance was outstanding, even in world terms. This year Prague is expected to shine. "P/E ratios have soared to 30 in Warsaw, but they're still around 15 or 16 in Prague," explains Mr Bates at Fleming. Mass privatisation is providing a powerful latent impetus everywhere, backed by the high cost and difficulty of raising bank loans.

Competitive wage rates and close proximity to important markets in the European Union are respectively strong attractions on the supply and demand side. As against that, Mr Bates points out that stock market values have already risen strongly (even allowing for questionable accounting), making bargains harder to find.

Mr Bates sees the main barrier to further investment as administrative: "the problems of ensuring adequate custodial and settlement arrangements". The expense of holding shares locally raises the management fees which funds charge investors to almost 2 per cent. Also, stock exchanges remain illiquid, local currencies remain non-convertible, and markets remain in need of regulation.

But 1994 is expected to see real progress in privatisation. When that happens, liquid shares suitable for institutional investors should become less scarce and expensive.

Russia poses too many unanswered questions for all but the most intrepid punter, but funds and joint ventures are being established by players like Fleming and Framlington, who are aware of the enormous long-term potential and the low current price of assets.

AFRICA

THIS continent remains largely undiscovered, with stock markets too small and illiquid to merit serious attention yet, though Morgan Stanley is launching a New York-listed Africa regional fund targeted to raise $60 million.

But **South Africa** is opening a new chapter. The end of apartheid and, more relevantly, of economic sanctions has put the country back on the map. Last year foreign investors, many of them American, helped push the Johannesburg Stock Exchange index up by a currency-adjusted 63.4 per cent.

This will prove the political make-or-break year, but if things go well the JSE could help kick-start other African stock markets.

Morocco also offers interesting potential as privatisation and market deregulation start opening the field to foreign investment.

OTHERS

IF ANY single country epitomises the classic emerging market, with all its excitement and volatility, it is **Turkey**. Istanbul's bourse was bottom of the league table throughout 1992. In 1993 it shot to the top, but then last January nemesis struck as the credit-rating agencies demoted Turkish debt, triggering a currency crisis and devaluation.

"The correction in Turkish equity prices gives a new opportunity to invest in this exceptionally high-growth market," say Lehman Brothers laconically.

Offer for Subscription of ordinary shares (with warrants attached) in a new investment trust

TEMPLETON LATIN AMERICA INVESTMENT TRUST PLC



The investment objective of Templeton Latin America Investment Trust PLC ("TEMPLA") is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of equity securities of companies which either are listed on stock exchanges in Latin America or have substantial trading interests in that region.

The Directors believe that there are a number of fundamental conditions in Latin America that provide the opportunities for successful equity investment.

The Offer for Subscription closes on 22nd April, 1994.

Priority line to receive your Mini Prospectus, including an Application Form

Callfree 0800 272728

(Saturday and Sunday 10am - 4pm, Weekdays 9am - 9pm)

To: Templeton Registration Office, FREEPOST, EH2721, 17 Napier Square, Livingston, EH54 5BR [T. 2.4.94]
Please send me a copy of the Mini Prospectus (including an Application Form) relating to Templeton Latin America Investment Trust PLC.

Name

Address

Postcode

This advertisement has been issued by Cazenove & Co., a member of The Securities and Futures Authority, for the purposes of section 57 of the Financial Services Act 1986.

CAZENOVE & CO

This advertisement is not an offer or invitation to apply for ordinary shares and warrants of TEMPLA and must not be relied upon by any potential investor when making a decision to invest. Applications for ordinary shares (and warrants) in TEMPLA may only be made on the basis of the Listing Particulars relating to TEMPLA.

Please note that the value of an investment in TEMPLA may fall or rise and an investor may not get back the amount he has invested and income from such an investment may fluctuate. Changes in rates of exchange may also cause the value of such an investment to go up or down. Investment in warrants may involve a high degree of gearing so that a relatively small movement in the price of ordinary shares may result in a disproportionately large movement, unfavourable as well as favourable, in the price of warrants.

EMERGING MARKETS – DON'T MISS THE BOAT.



The emerging markets of Asia, Europe, Latin America and Africa have proved their potential for exceptional investment returns. Stockmarket growth rates far in excess of developed economies are not uncommon.

Currently the Fund is invested in no fewer than 25 emerging markets worldwide, ranging from Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia, to Hungary, Argentina and Mexico.

FUTURE GROWTH POTENTIAL

Significant potential for growth still remains, and investors who recognise this potential today will enjoy the greatest rewards in the longer term.

RISK DIVERSIFICATION

Mercury Emerging Markets Fund is one of the largest unit trusts of its kind, with over £120 million under management. It manages risk by holding a broadly-diversified portfolio.

BETTER RESEARCH; BETTER DECISIONS

What's more, in an area where there is little information available to influence investment decisions, you can take advantage of the expertise of Mercury Asset Management. As substantial investors in emerging markets, we have as many as 15 investment managers and analysts who specialise in finding emerging markets opportunities.

FREEPHONE 0800 445522

Don't miss out any longer. For full information, contact your financial adviser, or call us free on 0800 445522 or return the coupon.

■ MERCURY EMERGING MARKETS FUND

To: Mercury Fund Managers Ltd, FREEPOST, London EC4B 4DQ. Please send me details of the Mercury Emerging Markets Fund.

Surname First Name Title

Address

Postcode

MERCURY
BRITAIN'S LEADING INVESTMENT HOUSE

MERCURY ASSET MANAGEMENT

Investment values can fluctuate and are not guaranteed. ■ Past performance is no guarantee of future performance. ■ The Manager, Mercury Fund Managers Ltd (member of AUTIF, IMRO and Lautro) is part of the Mercury Asset Management group. ■ Data Protection Act 1984. We will not disclose your details outside Mercury, its associated companies and subcontractors or agents acting on behalf of Mercury and its associated companies. Those details may be added to a mailing list to enable you to receive details of the Group's products. If you would prefer not to receive such details, please write to us.

Wigan capitalise on unforced errors to return to winning ways

Platt revives champions' challenge

St Helens..... 9
Wigan 15

By Christopher Irvine

SHORT of an elephant gun and tranquiliser dart, St Helens were powerless to stop Andy Platt providing a fitting climax to a rugby league encounter yesterday that compensated in excitement what it lacked in skill. Ensuring victory required a further piece of athleticism by Martin Offiah to trip the ankles of Alan Hunte as the St Helens centre appeared destined to score. But after the worst of weeks, Wigan returned to winning ways yesterday.

John Dorahy, the Wigan coach, has cut a beleaguered figure of late, after defeats at Hull and Sheffield Eagles, and there was no concealing his relief and delight at a win that restored some of the spirit, if not yet the old feeling of invincibility, about his side.

"All the rumours of problems were put behind us on the park today," he said. "Hats off to the players because they responded to the pressure with the character that Wigan are famed for."

So they did. Beginning with their backs to the wall, as it was, they promptly handed St Helens a 7-0 lead in as many minutes. St Helens, however, just as they did against Leeds in the Challenge Cup semi-final six days earlier, lost so much territory and possession that it was costly in the end.

The result of a stormy annual meeting on Tuesday, in which results and Wigan's style of play were strongly criticised, had been the appointment of Dean Bell, the New Zealander, as the team's "co-ordinator and motivator". If there was a shortage of the former on occasions, Wigan did not want for trying at Knowsley Road.

Much still has to be done if Wigan are to retain their Stones Bitter Championship title. The game against Warrington at home on Easter Monday is the second of an eight-game run-in over three weeks, which includes two probably decisive games with Bradford Northern on April 12 and 15. Wigan can afford no lapses.

They were heading for one yesterday when a chip by Dwyer came off Platt for the hooker to pocket and go over. With Martyn dropping a goal and Skerrett having been sin-binned for lashing out at Dannatt, the end might have been nigh.

It was not. From that moment, St Helens did everything wrong. What Wigan mustered was not always right but it was effective enough. A quick tap by Botica caught the opposition square and Dermott and Clarke exploited the room to release Edwards under the posts in the seventeenth minute.

Although he kicked two first-half goals, Martyn, crucially, missed three other kickable opportunities and was wayward with two further drop attempts.

Although effective in coming away in ones and twos from defence, this was blunted by the home team's desperate lack of cohesion once across the advantage line. Loughlin had a hideous afternoon. Four times in space, he peppered the wingers, Sullivan and Riley, with grapeshot masquerading as passes.

Following two months out and two operations, Clarke was the rock on which Wigan relied for so much. His tackling and attacking from loose forward was exemplary. In Offiah, Wigan also had their saviour.

Hunte was not as accurate as Offiah was in hauling him down late on, going instead for the wing's head. A penalty try might justly have been claimed but Botica was unerring from the left touchline. Offiah then brought the sides level midway through the second half with only his second-ever dropped goal.

The *coup de grace* was neat and functional. Dermott found room around the ruck and released Platt, who finished with ease. Although St Helens had two more good attacking positions after that, they failed to capitalise on either of them and Wigan's win was sealed.

SCORERS: St Helens: Try: Dwyer. Goals: Martyn (2). Dropped goal: Martyn. Wigan: Tries: Edwards, Platt. Goals: Botica (3). Dropped goal: Offiah.
ST HELENS: D Lyon; M Riley, A Hunte, P Loughlin, A Sullivan; T Ropati, T Martyn; A Dannatt, B Dwyer, G Mann (sub: J Harrison, 23min; sub: Mann, 57); C Joynt, I Pickavance (sub: P Veivers, 29), S Cooper.
WIGAN: P Atcheson; J Robinson, B-J Mather, G Connolly, M Offiah; F Botica, S Edwards; K Skerrett, M Dermott, A Platt, M Cassidy (sub: S Panapa, 51), A Farrell (sub: N Cowie, 12), P Clarke.
Referee: R Smith.


IAN STEWART

Platt breaks away to score the try that secured vital championship points for Wigan, the holders, against St Helens yesterday

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warrington	26	20	0	6	530	351	40
Bradford N	23	19	0	4	618	407	38
Wigan	23	18	0	5	593	326	36
Castleford	24	16	1	7	651	360	33
Halifax	24	14	2	8	532	425	30
St Helens	24	13	1	10	495	422	27
Sheffield E	24	13	1	10	519	531	27
Widnes	25	12	0	13	443	517	24
Leeds	23	11	1	11	452	442	23
Featherstone R	25	11	1	13	517	545	23
Hull	25	10	2	13	392	394	22
Salford	26	9	0	17	463	549	18
Wakefield T	25	8	1	16	351	527	17
Oldham	26	8	1	17	472	539	17
Hull KR	26	7	0	19	424	702	14
Leigh	25	2	1	22	304	689	5

(not including results last night)

Crew members held over kidnapping

ERIC Tarbaly's French maxi, *La Poste*, will continue in the Whitbread Round the World Race, when the fleet sets out from Punta del Este today, despite two of its crew and two of *La Poste's* shore team remaining in jail accused of kidnapping a burglar who broke into their house a week ago (Barry Pickthall writes).

La Poste will sail with just 11 crew, leaving Rene Limat, the deputy director of the French Post Office, to negotiate for their release. Weather forecasters predict light northerly winds for the start, giving an advantage to the Whitbread 60s that perform better than the larger maxis upwind.

"This leg will be all about who makes the least mistakes and who is first out of the doldrums," Marcel van Triest, *Intrum Justitia's* navigator, said. First yachts are expected to complete the 5,475-mile leg to Fort Lauderdale in about three weeks' time. ENZA breaks record, page 3

Chang surrenders title

TENNIS: Michael Chang, the champion, was beaten in the quarter-finals of the Salem Open in Osaka, Japan, yesterday by Henrik Holm, of Sweden, who took full advantage of Chang's erratic play to go through by 2-6, 7-5, 6-3. Chang, the second seed behind Pete Sampras, had little trouble taking the first set and led 4-1 in the second before Holm, ranked 52nd in the world, started to fight back.

Holm, 25, will now meet Lionel Roux, of France, who, 24 hours after beating Ivan Lendl, outlasted Aaron Krickstein, the sixth seed, 7-5, 7-6. In the other-semi-final, Sampras will play either Andre Agassi or David Wheaton, whose quarter-final was interrupted by rain.

Teddington cruise

HOCKEY: Teddington made an encouraging start in the European Cup Winners' Cup tournament in Terrassa, Spain, yesterday with a 4-1 victory over Lisnagarvey, from Northern Ireland, their goals coming from Billson, Benzies, Gibbins and Laslett. Teddington should win their second match against SKA Ekaterinburg, of Russia, today but will need to be at their best against Atlético Terrassa, the host side, tomorrow. Atlético have several international players, including Xavier Arnau, the leading scorer, with 11 goals, in the recent Champions' Trophy tournament in Pakistan.

New format wanted

SQUASH: National League team managers have asked the Squash Rackets Association to consider a new format of three men and one woman in each team for next season. The league has always been open — earlier this year, Cassandra Jackman, from Norfolk, became the first woman to beat a man in the National League's ten-year history — but the premier division has been the preserve of the leading British men and overseas players. The move follows the success of a mixed-sex international match between England and Australia last month.

Kankkunen injured

MOTOR RALLYING: Juha Kankkunen, the overnight leader, crashed his Toyota and retired yesterday during the second day of the Safari Rally in Kenya. The former world champion lost control on a rough stretch of road damaged by recent rain. He suffered a minor head injury and was taken to hospital in Nairobi as a precaution. Ian Duncan, of Kenya, his colleague in the Toyota team, has taken the lead. Duncan leads by 13 minutes. Kenjiro Shinozuka, of Japan, in a Mitsubishi, is second and Richard Burns, the British rally champion is third in his Subaru.

Miandad excluded

CRICKET: Javed Miandad has been left out of the Pakistan squad for the Australasia Cup in Sharjah, which begins on April 12. Aqib Javed, the fast bowler, and Ijaz Ahmed have been recalled for the championship, in which Australia, New Zealand, India, Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates will also compete. Miandad, a veteran of 220 one-day internationals, was omitted from Pakistan's tour of New Zealand during the winter because of poor form.
SQUAD: Aamir Sohail, Saeed Anwar, Salim Malik (captain), Asif Mujtaba, Rashid Latif, Basit Ali, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Aqib Javed, Akram Raza, Athar Laiq, Ijaz Ahmed.

Jenkins heads voting

BASKETBALL: Jerry Jenkins, of Leicester City Riders, has been voted the Budweiser League coach of the month for March. He led Leicester to seven wins from eight games. Tyrone Thomas, of Birmingham Bullets, has won the league's player of the month award. Thomas, 24, is in his second year in the country, after playing for Chester Jets last season. His prolific scoring exploits have helped Birmingham reach the end-of-term championship play-offs, which involve the league's leading eight clubs, for the third successive season.

Warrington keep up pressure with late Jackson tries

By Christopher Irvine

WARRINGTON are continuing to keep pressure on Bradford Northern and Wigan at the top of the first division, after a 28-14 home defeat of Widnes yesterday, but may run out of games.

They have played two more than Bradford, and Wigan have three games in hand on them, leaving Warrington's only real hope, as their coach, Brian Johnson, said recently, "that their team buses somehow collide".

Bob Jackson scored two late tries to keep Warrington on course. The match was in the balance at 17-14 until Jackson's double strike. Warrington got off to a flying start with two tries in the first 13 minutes. Mark Forster, the winger, grabbed the first after racing on to a perfect kick from Greg Mackey. Then, four minutes later, Warrington won a scrum 20 yards out and Mackey fed Jonathan Davies, whose blistering pace took him past the Widnes cover to score.

Widnes hit back with a try from Paul Moriarty and two goals from Bobby Goulding before a penalty from Davies gave Warrington a 10-8 interval lead. The home side were rocked two minutes after the interval when Karl Hammond's break was finished off by David Ruane and Goulding's conversion gave Widnes a 14-10 lead.

But Warrington regained their composure and a Davies drop goal cut the deficit to three points before a fine individual try from Kelly Shelford and another Davies goal gave Warrington a 17-14 lead. Then came Jackson.

A 30-yard try by Scott Ranson in injury time, his second of the game, helped Oldham to a vital 23-22 win at Salford, which lifted them further clear of the relegation zone. The lead changed hands five times as Salford fought back through scores by Naylor, Ford and O'Connor in reply to two touchdowns by Liddiard and another by player-coach Bob Lindner.

Hull Kingston Rovers are now three points adrift of Oldham, one place off the bottom club, Leigh, following a 14-6 loss to Hull in the Humberside derby. Tries by McNamara, Gay and Sterling gave Hull victory.

In a tight finish to the second division title race, Doncaster, with a 23-16 victory at Ryedale York, the front-running from Workington, who were beaten 7-4 at home by Whitehaven. At the other end of the table, Bramley moved ahead of fellow strugglers Hunslet with an 18-16 victory, only their third of the season.

Late touchdowns by Cullen and Miller helped Rochdale to a 38-26 victory over Swinton, while Carlisle beat Barrow 29-24 to notch their first win in five matches, thanks to Paxton's hat-trick of tries.

Stones Bitter Championship

Hull 14 Hull Kingston Rovers 6
Hull: Tries: Grant, McNamara, Stirling. Goals: Eastwood. Hull Kingston Rovers: Tries: Craine. Goals: M Fletcher. Attendance: 7,500.

Salford 23 Oldham 26
Salford: Tries: Ford, Lee, Naylor, O'Connor. Goals: Blakeley (3). Dropped goals: Lee. Oldham: Tries: Liddiard (2), Ranson (2), Lindner. Goals: Topping (3). Attendance: 4,317.

St Helens 9 Wigan 15
St Helens: Tries: Dwyer. Goals: Martyn (2). Dropped goals: Martyn. Wigan: Tries: Edwards, Platt. Goals: Botica (3). Dropped goals: Offiah. Attendance: 12,114.

Warrington 28 Widnes 14
Warrington: Tries: Jackson (2), Davies, Forster, Shelford. Goals: Davies (3). Dropped goals: Davies (2). Widnes: Tries: Moriarty, Ruane. Goals: Goulding (3). Attendance: 8,718

Second division

Bramley 18 Hunslet 16
Carlisle 29 Barrow 24
Highfield 6 London Crusaders 58
Rochdale 38 Swinton 26
Ryedale York 16 Doncaster 23
Workington 4 Whitehaven 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Doncaster	26	19	1	6	662	449	39
Workington	26	18	2	6	588	306	38
Huddersfield	26	19	0	7	600	428	38
London Cr	26	17	2	7	738	461	36
Batley	25	17	1	7	570	393	35
Keighley	26	16	1	9	684	384	33
Dewsbury	25	15	1	9	660	357	31
Ryedale York	26	15	1	10	687	429	31
Rochdale	26	15	0	11	634	472	30
Whitehaven	26	12	4	10	463	368	28
Barrow	26	12	1	13	608	639	25
Swinton	26	9	0	17	434	595	18
Carlisle	26	9	0	17	477	742	18
Bramley	26	3	0	23	338	749	6
Hunslet	26	2	1	23	353	702	5
Highfield	29	1	1	24	240	1048	3

Knowles loses elitist tag

By Phil Yates

THE pressure of retaining and pursuing places in snooker's elite group of top 16 professionals added to the burdens of Terry Griffiths and Tony Knowles yesterday as they began their campaigns in the £200,000 British Open at Plymouth.

Unfortunately, both failed the test against eager, younger rivals. However, while Griffiths, 46, has one last opportunity to retain membership of an exclusive club he has been part of since capturing the world title in 1979, Knowles is once more on the outside looking in.

"I will be disappointed if I fail because I believe I am good enough to stay there," remarked Griffiths, after a 5-2 exit at the hands of Dave Harold, the 1993 Asian Open champion.

"The world championships usually sort things out and this year will be no exception," added Griffiths who started the season ranked as the world No 8 but has now slipped down to No 15. Against Harold, the world No 50, Griffiths compiled an excellent 118 break to share the first two frames. He then scored only 23 points in the next two before securing the fifth.

It proved to be his final high spot as Harold booked his place in the last 32 against Knowles' surprise conqueror, Darryn Walker, the world No 163.

While Griffiths prepares for a world championship meeting with Mark Davis, Knowles, 38, and ranked seventeenth in the updated world listings, is out of the blue riband event, having lost to Alex Higgins in the qualifiers, at Blackpool, in January.

James Wattana, winner of the Thailand Open title last month, reached the second round with a comfortable 5-2 victory over Danny Fowler while Deene O'Kane, of New Zealand, beat Stephen O'Connor, of Ireland, 5-4.

Results, page 39

Woodroffe's move is Scotland's gain

By Craig Lord

IT TOOK two Warriors from Warrington to show the Scottish swimming clan just why Scotland's gain is England's loss at the Edinburgh International yesterday, with Kevin Crosby and Helen Slatter reigning supreme at 200 metres butterfly.

Crosby, 20, beat the Commonwealth Games qualifying standard in the heats and then reached a world championship qualifying time by winning the final last night in 2min 00.45sec, just 0.24sec outside the 13-year-old British record, the oldest on the books.

His achievement brought both joy and sorrow for his coach, Martyn Woodroffe, who has a special interest in 200 metres butterfly races, having won the silver medal at the Mexico Olympic Games in 1968, but will leave Crosby and Warrington behind this summer to become director of swimming for Scotland.

Crosby led from start to finish last night, turning in a blistering 58.44sec. He never let up and won by more than five metres. He is one of a squad of swimmers — including Slatter, one of Britain's most versatile competitors and winner of her 200 metres butterfly last night in 2min 16.54sec — who have gone from strength to strength during Woodroffe's tenure at Warrington Warriors.

Illness forced Sarah Hardcastle to withdraw from the 800 metres freestyle yesterday, 24 hours after she set a British record for the 1,500 metres freestyle. She suffered an asthma attack on Thursday night and decided to miss the finals yesterday in the hope that she would be fit to race in the 400 metres against Claudia Poll of Costa Rica today, potentially one of the highlights of the meeting. Both are ranked in the top five in the world. Poll won the 800 metres last night in 8min 47.54sec, fractionally faster than Hardcastle's meeting record of last year.

Though Hardcastle was missed, others filled the void in splendid fashion. Adam Ruckwood, of Birmingham, joined Crosby in achieving a Commonwealth Games qualifying standard, in the 100 metres backstroke. Ruckwood set his time in the morning heats, finishing second to Martin Harris, the British record-holder. Harris had equalled Alan Rapley's British record of 26.28sec for 50 metres on Thursday night.

Douglas rolls back years

By Richard Eaton

DESMOND Douglas rolled back the years yesterday as though they had never passed. At the age of 38, and well beyond the time when most players have retired from a sport that demands quickness of reflexes, the most successful and popular England table tennis player since the Fifties reached the second round of the European championships at the National Indoor Arena in his home city of Birmingham.

Douglas did that with a 21-16, 22-20, 21-8 win over Patrik Marek, the Slovakian No 3, who is 16 years his junior and possesses a good forehand loop attack and considerable counter-hitting skills. These were only effective for a short spell in the second game, when Marek came back from 17-13 to 19-all and the spectators, who gave their hero wonderful support, grew quiet and apprehensive.

Douglas produced a clever, faster, deep service and then, at 20-all, two well-timed spinny forehand loops erased the danger; the third game was one-way traffic. For a while, the man with a record 11 English national titles looked the same as ever; just as slim, just as intensely keen, a little more furrowed in the brow maybe, but just as deadly when switching the direction with his quick, close to the table counter-hits. "It was great. I always said if I could just play singles and nothing else and do my own thing, then I would play better," Douglas, who sacrificed his singles career for team matches, said.

He enjoyed his first important international outing since helping England to a bronze medal in the 1990 World Team Cup in Osaka, Japan. He will indeed need to play better. His next opponent today is Ding Yi, the Chinese-born Austrian, who is a former Olympic quarter-finalist.

Later, Andrew Eden, who lost in the first round of the qualifying competition, found some romantic consolation. The England international proposed to his girlfriend, Kathy Marie King, an arts student from Detroit, by using the seven-metre square video screen in the centre of thearena with 3,000 people watching. It was her first day in England and Eden's 21st birthday. She could hardly refuse and he won the match that mattered most.


Douglas: happy return

Bradley Billington, who thought he would have to give up the game because of a hole in his hip, got courageously through to the second round as well. The 23-year-old Derbyshire player had previously battled through five contests at the pre-qualifying competition in Brentwood to become one of England's six entrants in the men's singles.

On Thursday, he played twice to win through the qualifying event and, yesterday, came back thrillingly in the first round to win 12-21, 21-10, 19-21, 21-17, 21-17 against Sandijs Vasiljevs, of Latvia.

Alan Cooke, the former Commonwealth medallist and Matthew Syed, the Oxford University student, also began well. Cooke won 21-16, 21-17, 21-14 against Marin Kostadinov, of Bulgaria, and Syed succeeded 21-13, 21-14, 21-7 against Kostadin Lengerov, of Austria. England's other two leading players, Chen Xinhua and Carl Prean, begin today.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (6pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	40	135	fair	heavy	slush	rain	5	26/3
Poor conditions, resort busy but snow forecast								
AUSTRIA								
Schladming	0	65	worn	varied	closed	fair	22	27/3
Snow in reasonable condition but still too warm								
St Anton	15	310	fair	spring	slush	rain	4	26/3
Snowing above 2,000m, rain below								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	80	300	good	powder	good	snow	5	1/4
Colder air and heavy snowfalls have arrived								
Chamonix	0	305	slush	heavy	closed	rain	12	26/3
All high pistes closed by wind								
Isola	30	80	spring	soft	spring	cloud	4	1/3
Some areas now closed but good skiing still available								
Tignes	100	235	soft	varied	soft	snow	1	1/4
Blizzard conditions with fresh snow and high winds								
Val d'Isère	65	235	good	varied	good	snow	0	1/4
Snowing heavily at last, prospects excellent								
Val Thorens	70	220	good	varied	slushy	snow	4	1/4
Snowing heavily and temperature now dropping								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	65	80	fair	crust	fair	cloud	5	26/3
Strong winds and poor visibility limiting skiing								
Cr Montana	10	110	fair	heavy	closed	snow	2	1/4
Heavy spring snow falling above 1,600m								
Verbier	5	300	slush	heavy	closed	rain	8	1/4
Snowing above 2,500m, but rain below								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes, U - upper; art - artificial.

هكذا من الأصل

Pilkington Cup semi-finals attract sell-out attendances

Bath chase league and cup double for Rowell

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

PLEASURE and duty bring Jack Rowell and Dick Best together in London this weekend, though it is sometimes difficult to distinguish which is which these days.

Rowell, indulging his hobby as club coach, brings Bath to the Stoop memorial ground today to play a Pilkington Cup semi-final against Harlequins, the club formerly coached by Best.

In the evening, the pair, donning different hats as manager and coach respectively of the national team, will sit down to choose the England party to tour South Africa next month — assuming, of course, that sundry non-sporting decisions, such as a state of emergency in Natal, do not cause the tour to be cancelled.

It is unlikely that Rowell will depart substantially from the players who have proved themselves during the regime of Geoff Cooke, his predecessor, though both he and Best will ponder the fitness of Jeremy Guscott and will be concerned at the apparent inability of David Pears to play more than a couple of games back-to-back.

Pears has withdrawn from the game today, having failed a fitness test on the damaged hamstring that prevented him playing for England, against Wales last month.

Instead, Kent Bray, so consistent a points scorer for Harlequins this season, will play full back against a Bath side confident enough in its ability to reach an eighth final in 11 years to omit Andy Reed, the Scotland lock, and Steve Ojomoh, capped twice at No 8 by England this season. Their places go to Martin Haag and Andy Robinson respectively, with Richard Hill recalled at scrum half in his last season.

Not that sentiment plays any part in selection. The same motivation that has made them league champions four times drives them towards the cup, regardless that this is Rowell's final season as coach. But the lure of a fourth league and cup double also entices Leicester, the cup holders, who go to Orrell without the injured Neil Back, their electric flanker.

Leicester have sustained a lonely pursuit of Bath throughout the season and their recent record against Orrell suggests another cup final as well as a club record of 18 consecutive wins.

Orrell's capacity of 5,000 will be full to overflowing while Harlequins, even though their semi-final will be televised live by BBC, were confident that the last ticket of an extended 9,000 capacity would be sold yesterday. They were surprised to have nearly 1,000 tickets returned by Bath — one possible consequence of the broadcast, which will cause England's senior clubs to look very closely at the television deal struck this week with Sky Sports.

The echoes of that deal linger on, even though the two main contracts have been signed between BBC, Sky and the four home unions. The overseas rights have yet to be negotiated, which will mean more millions to go with the £34 million already agreed.

In Wales, three Swalec Cup quarter-finals take place today, including a repeat of the final last season, Neath against Llanelli, at the Gnoll. Neath continue to play Gareth Llewellyn, the Wales lock, at No 8 and omit Adrian Varney, the flanker who played so well in the final last May.

The tie between Maesteg and Tenby United ensures the presence of a second division club in the semi-finals while the fourth quarter-final, involving Cardiff and South Wales Police, will be played on Tuesday because Cardiff today play a Barbarians team that includes three Irishmen who have decided not to play in Ulster Senior Cup quarter-finals.

Maurice Field and Denis McBride have left Malone to play Instonians without them while Ballymena play Bangor without Brian Robinson. Similarly, London Irish are less than pleased to be without Jim Staples and Simon Geoghegan for their re-arranged Courage Clubs Championship match at Bristol. The internationals are playing in Bermuda at a time when the Irish still have a mathematical chance of avoiding relegation.

TEAMS

Harlequins v Bath

HARLEQUINS: K Bray; J Keyter, W Carling, G Thompson, D O'Leary; P Challinor, C Luxton; J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Russell, T Coker, A Snow, M Popper, C Sheasby.
BATH: J Callard; A Swift, P de Glanville, M Catt, A Lumsden; S Barnes, R Hill; D Hilton, G Dawe, V Ubogu, J Hall, M Haag, N Redman, A Robinson, B Clarke.
Referee: B Campsall (Yorkshire).

Orrell v Leicester

ORRELL: S Taberner; J Naylor, I Wynn, S Langford, P Johnson; G Ainscough, D Morris; M Hynes, G French, D Southern, D Cleary, C Cusani, C Cooper, P Manley, S Bibby.
LEICESTER: W Kilford; S Hackney, S Potter, L Boyle, R Underwood; J Harris, A Kardooni; G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, W Drake-Lee, D Richards.
Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).



Bray: consistent



Southern, who will be attempting to guide Orrell into the Pilkington Cup final at Edge Hall Road today

Southern embarks on final journey

By David Hands

The Fates will have their little joke: to make Orrell the standard-bearer for northern rugby union and then inject a baby-faced prop called Southern to march in the van. Not, though, for much longer.

At 41, Sammy Southern has decided enough is enough. His playing career straddles — if that is not too potent a verb for a short, slightly roly-poly player — the period when Orrell were no more than the condescending description coined by a visiting Harlequin, "a lay-by off the M6", to the respected first division club whose home-grown virtues are universally acknowledged.

It almost straddles the history of the national knockout competition, which started in 1971-72. Southern could have played in Orrell's first semi-final, against London Scottish in 1974, but had to be content with a place as reserve to Frank Anderson, capped by England against New Zealand a year earlier. Those were the days when the Lancashire club's back row included Des Seabrook, now director of coaching to the side that turns out against Leicester in the Pilkington Cup semi-final at Edge Hall Road today.

This will be Southern's last season, his last chance to get to Twickenham with the club for which he has worked body and soul for so long. "It's the Tuesday and Thursday training sessions, when it's wet and cold, that finally get to you," he said. "I still get a buzz out of the Saturday games but it's becoming harder to get out of bed on Sundays."

If ever, in these days of shifting loyalties, there was a one-club man it is Southern. Who knows, he might have won more representative fame than regular appearances for Lancashire and the North had he played for a more fashionable club: "Since the leagues began in 1987, the rest of the clubs have always had Sammy in their top three tight-head props," Seabrook said.

As it is, Southern has had to be content with one England B appearance, against Namibia in 1990, when the pack included his two club colleagues of many seasons, Neil Hitchen, at hooker, and Bob Kimmins, at lock. "It would be nice for me to finish at Twickenham but you get nothing for sentiment," Southern said.

This season, Hitchen and Kimmins are gone, causing distant critics to suspect Orrell's ability to sustain their status. Yet here they are in their fourth cup semi-final and with their place in the first division all but assured, thanks to the all-pervasive attitude of making the best of their abilities.

Southern gives credit to newcomers such as Clive Cooper and Gary French for coming to terms with the demands of a home-and-away league season. He said: "Clive had to qualify first of all, but he has started to win lineout ball for us, while Gary has filled Neil Hitchen's boots and gives us an extra dimension round the park. It's helped, too, that only Dewi [Morris] has been involved with England, which has allowed us to concentrate on the club."

But Leicester will scarcely accommodate Southern's last ambition. "When we played them in January, we came off the field and said that they were the best side in the country," he said. "When we were beating them regularly in the league, they had problems in the front five but they have overcome that now. They always play the game attractively, they come up with new ideas, they play with pace and you have to try and knock them out of their rhythm. We're on our own ground and we'll go out and try to do just that."

Carolians' tough test

WHILE Harlequins and Orrell look to benefit from home advantage today, the clubs in the semi-finals of the Pilkington Shield go to neutral grounds as they, too, strive to reach Twickenham (Barry Trowbridge writes).

For the first time, the climax to the knockout trophy for the most junior clubs in the Courage leagues will be a curtain-raiser for the Pilkington Cup final on May 7.

At Northampton, Kidderminster Carolians face a tough task against Old Hamptonians, who will, however, be without the injured Chip Strutt and Nick Girling.

Hucclecote have totalled a modest 169 points from ten league wins this winter and there should be a contrast of styles at Coventry, where they meet Malvern, scorers of 387 points from 11 starts.

□ Portugal, who play Wales in a World Cup qualifying game in Lisbon in May, meet Gloucester at Kingsholm today while England's 18 Group schools' side face French Schools at Cahors. Duncan Craig, the Sherborne wing, is brought into the team.

Ashall guilty of playing with necessary toughness



SIMON BARNES
On Saturday

RUGBY league has never been disposed to minimise its reputation for toughness but I do rather wonder if Barry Ashall has not taken the whole thing a bit too far.

Ashall plays as stand-off half for mighty Swinton and, a couple of weeks ago, he played against Keighley. During the match, quite uncharacteristically, he began to complain of some discomfort. But he got through the game all right and, the next week, he declared himself fit for the match at Batley.

Yet he did not feel quite right at Batley, either. Just on the off chance, he decided that he had better have a precautionary X-ray. This revealed that he had broken his leg. It happened during the previous match.

With this, even Ashall realised he had better take a game or two off and so Swinton have drafted in Keith Atkinson, who has already retired once, to cover for him. Atkinson has broken a bone or two in the past: these breakages include back, both legs, both arms, both thumbs and an ankle.

He has also suffered a detached retina and a sprung shoulder, has had his teeth knocked out and — scarcely worth mentioning, this — sustained knee ligament damage twice.

Subject matter

I lack the space in this column to explore the common ground between Chekovian drama and rugby league. However, best of luck to John Wilson, of Liverpool, who, on Sunday night, becomes the first *Mastermind* contestant to answer questions on rugby league. His opponents take on the major works of Chekhov, Inca civilisation and British national pony breeders circa 1950. Possibly, these will include questions on the show-ponies of rugby union.

Great example

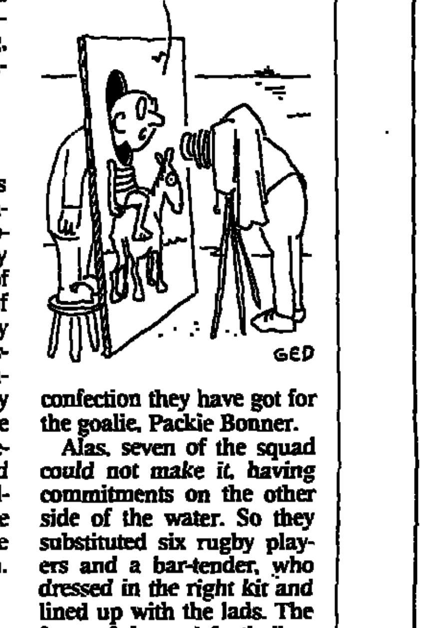
Once again, Diego Maradona has divided a nation. Debate rages in Argentina as to Maradona's relevance to the Argentinian attempt on the World Cup. While rumours fizzle around the country on Maradona's impending return to club football — the international manager, Alfio Basile, not unnaturally, wants Diego to show a little form at club level before selecting him to lead an international team — still more stories come from Maradona's performance in the recent Argentina v Brazil friendly.

Maradona did not actually play. As full of star quality as ever, he arrived at the team headquarters several hours later than everybody else. At the team hotel, the players all shared double rooms at £130 a night: Diego personally hired the presidential suite at £1,300 a night.

There are claims that he drank champagne at £1,000 a bottle and went for a 4am binge on room serice the night before the match — sandwiches, steak and, inevitably, plenty-plenty chips. *La Nacion* has hammered him for his "kingly lifestyle"; *El Diario Popular* says Diego's presence is "indispensible, even as an ambassador".

Identity crisis

The Ireland football team gathered in Dublin last week, a town many of Jack Charlton's squad have visited before. The occasion was the taking of the official photograph for the World Cup in the brand new, and no doubt ghastly, team kit. I hate to think what hideous



confection they have got for the goalie, Packie Bonner.

Alas, seven of the squad could not make it, having commitments on the other side of the water. So they substituted six rugby players and a bar-tender, who dressed in the right kit and lined up with the lads. The faces of the real footballers will be pasted over the top later. Meanwhile, if Jack is still recruiting, I can recommend Patrick Cantona and Kevin O'Kanchelskis.

Miracle cure

Ernesto Pellegrini, president of the sliding Internazionale, of Milan, has taken dramatic steps in an attempt to get his season back on course. His ploy, a smart one, was to send all his first-team shirts to Lourdes, where they were blessed. However, the newly blessed shirts fell to defeat against Genoa and then against Cagliari. I don't know if Alex Ferguson has tried the same ploy.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated · * all-ticket match

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership

Arsenal v Swindon
* Blackburn v Manchester United (5.0)
Chelsea v Southampton
Coventry v Wimbledon
Liverpool v Sheffield United
Manchester City v Aston Villa
Norwich v Tottenham
Oldham v QPR
Sheffield Wednesday v Everton
West Ham v Ipswich

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	34	23	10	1	69	32	79
Blackburn	34	21	7	6	52	29	70
Newcastle	34	19	6	9	68	33	63
Arsenal	34	16	13	5	46	19	61
Leeds	34	14	13	7	47	33	55
Liverpool	35	15	8	12	53	46	53
QPR	32	14	8	10	52	42	50
Aston Villa	34	13	11	10	39	33	50
Sheff Wed	34	12	12	10	58	45	48
Wimbledon	34	13	9	12	40	44	48
Norwich	35	11	14	10	57	51	47
Coventry	34	10	11	13	34	40	41
Ipswich	35	9	14	12	32	45	41
Chelsea	34	10	8	16	37	44	38
West Ham	33	9	11	13	32	47	38
Everton	35	10	7	18	36	48	37
Tottenham	34	8	12	14	44	47	36
Oldham	33	8	10	15	31	52	34
Man City	35	6	15	14	28	42	33
Southampton	34	9	6	19	34	49	33
Sheff Utd	35	5	16	14	32	52	31
Swindon	35	4	13	18	40	85	25

Diadora League

Premier division

Marlow v Chesham
St Albans v Grays
Stevenage v Aylesbury
Sutton Utd v Dulwich

OTHER MATCHES: [illegible] Hayes [illegible] First division: Abingdon Town v Walton and Hersham; Berkhamsted Town v Croydon; Bognor Regis Town v Barking; [illegible] Wood v Whyteleafe; Chalfont St Peter v Worthing; Maidenhead Utd v Billericay Town; [illegible] Staines Town v Bishop's Stortford; Tooting and Mitcham v Ruislip Manor; Uxbridge v [illegible] Second division: Aldershot Town v [illegible] Town; [illegible] Hemel Hempstead; Dorking v [illegible] Rainham Town; Canvey Island v Leatherhead; Edgware Town v Lewes; Egham Town v Malden Vale; Newbury Town v Witham; Saffron Walden Town v [illegible] Thame Utd v [illegible] v [illegible] Town; Ware v Aveley. Third division:

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Birmingham v Stoke
Bristol City v West Bromwich
Charlton v Southend
Crystal Palace v Oxford Utd
Derby v Barnsley
Luton v Peterborough
Middlesbrough v Nottm Forest
Notts County v Grimsby
Portsmouth v Millwall
Sunderland v Bolton
Watford v Leicester
Wolves v Tranmere

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	39	21	9	9	63	40	72
Nottm Forest	37	19	9	9	60	40	66
Leicester	37	17	9	11	58	47	60
Millwall	36	16	12	8	47	39	60
Derby	37	16	8	13	55	54	56
Tranmere	37	16	8	13	53	42	56
Notts County	37	17	4	16	53	59	55
Stoke	38	15	10	13	46	49	55
Charlton	36	16	7	13	44	37	55
Middlesbrough	37	14	12	11	47	36	54
Wolves	36	13	14	9	50	36	53
Southend	38	15	7	16	51	50	52
Grimsby	37	12	16	9	47	40	52
Sunderland	36	15	6	15	39	43	51
Portsmouth	38	13	11	14	45	49	50
Bristol City	37	13	11	13	37	43	50
Bolton	36	12	11	13	48	48	47
Barnsley	36	13	7	16	48	50	46
Luton	35	12	8	15	46	45	44
West Brom	38	11	10	17	51	56	43
Oxford Utd	37	10	8	19	39	62	38
Watford	38	10	7	21	52	73	37
Peterborough	38	8	12	18	38	51	36
Birmingham	39	8	10	21	35	61	34

Camberley Town v Oxford City; Clapton v Harlow Town; Feltham and Hounslow B v Hartfield Utd; Hertford Town v Cove; Hornchurch v Northwood, Kingsbury Town v Cheshunt; Leighton Town v Horsham; Royston Town v East Thurrock Utd, Southall v Bracknell Town, Tring Town v Epsom and Ewell.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division. Accrington Stanley v Colwyn Bay; Barrow v Hyde; Droylsden v Bridlington Town, Emley v Buxton, Fleetwood v Leek Town, Frickley v Boston Utd, Horwich v Marine, Knowsley Utd v Chorley; Matlock v Bishop Auckland; Whitley Bay v Morecambe, Winsford v Gainsborough. First division: Curzon Ashton v Netherfield, Eastwood Town v Harrogate Town, Great Harwood Town v Goole Town v Alfreton Town; Gretna; Lancaster Town v Farsley Celtic; Guiseley v Lincoln City v Ashton Utd, Radcliffe Borough v Congleton Town, Warrington Town v Bamber Bridge; Worksop Town v Spennymoor Utd.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton v Gresley Rovers, Chelmsford v Sittingbourne; Corby Town v Cambridge City; Dorchester v Waterlooville, Farnborough v Bashley; Gloucester v Worcester; *Halesowen v Hednesford*; Hastings v Crawley Town, Nuneaton v Atherstone; Solihull v Moor Green, Trowbridge v Cheltenham. Midland Division: Armitage v Bedworth Utd; Bilston Town v Bridgnorth Town; Clevedon Town v Weston-super-Mare; Dudley Town v Stourbridge, *Forest Green Rovers v Yate Town*, Grantham Town v King's Lynn; Leicester Utd v Hinckley Town; RC Warwick v Evesham Utd. Redditch Utd v Newport AFC; Sutton Coldfield Town v *Tamworth*; VS Rugby v Rushden and Diamonds. Southern division: Bury Town v Sudbury Town; Canterbury City v Margate; Fisher '93 v Burnham; Gravesend and Northfleet v Ashford Town; Newport IoW v Braintree Town: Poole Town v Weymouth, Salisbury City v *Havant Town*; Tonbridge AFC v Erith and Belvedere: Wealdstone v Dunstable; Witney Town v Buckingham Town.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Cliftonville, Ballyclare v Larne; Coleraine v Portadown. Crusaders v Ballymena, Distillery v Glenavon; Linfield v Carrick; Newry v Glentoran; Omagh Town v Bangor

Second division

* Barnet v Brighton
Blackpool v Stockport
Brentford v Bournemouth
Cambridge Utd v Leyton Orient
Huddersfield v Hartlepool
Hull v York
Plymouth v Exeter
Port Vale v Fulham
* Reading v Bristol Rovers
Rotherham v Bradford
* Swansea v Cardiff (12.0)
Wrexham v Burnley

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	38	22	8	8	69	40	74
Plymouth	38	20	8	10	69	49	68
Stockport	35	20	7	8	62	34	67
Port Vale	36	18	9	9	57	35	63
York	39	18	9	12	55	34	63
Bristol Rovers	39	18	9	12	52	49	63
Burnley	38	18	7	13	66	50	61
Hull	39	16	10	13	54	50	58
Bradford	37	15	11	11	49	44	56
Brentford	39	13	16	10	51	43	55
Wrexham	37	14	10	13	58	60	52
Leyton Orient	39	13	13	13	51	58	52
Cambridge Utd	39	14	9	16	54	61	51
Bournemouth	37	13	12	12	44	47	51
Brighton	38	12	13	13	45	52	49
Swansea	37	12	11	14	46	47	47
Blackpool	39	14	4	21	54	64	46
Huddersfield	37	11	11	15	39	51	44
Fulham	38	12	7	19	43	53	43
Rotherham	36	11	9	16	48	55	42
Cardiff	34	10	11	13	48	54	41
Exeter	36	8	12	16	43	61	36
Hartlepool	39	8	8	23	35	64	32
Barnet	38	4	10	24	34	71	22

Third division

Bury v Walsall
Carlisle v Darlington
Chester v Preston
Doncaster v Chesterfield
Mansfield v Colchester
Northampton v Gillingham
Scarborough v Rochdale
Scunthorpe v Lincoln
Shrewsbury v Hereford
* *Wigan v Crewe*
Wycombe v Torquay

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chester	35	18	9	8	57	36	63
Wycombe	34	18	8	8	55	41	62
Crewe	34	18	7	9	67	51	61
Shrewsbury	33	17	10	6	51	34	61
Preston	34	16	10	8	68	47	58
Torquay	35	14	13	8	54	49	55
Chesterfield	35	15	9	11	48	44	54
Walsall	35	15	8	12	42	41	53
Bury	35	14	7	14	52	50	49
Scunthorpe	35	12	12	11	51	43	48
Rochdale	33	12	10	11	50	39	46
Mansfield	35	12	9	14	45	53	45
Carlisle	34	12	9	13	41	37	45
Lincoln	35	12	8	15	46	52	44
Colchester	35	11	9	15	47	60	42
Gillingham	34	10	11	13	38	41	41
Doncaster	35	11	8	16	36	48	41
Scarborough	35	11	6	18	41	53	39
Hereford	35	10	5	20	51	67	35
Northampton	35	8	10	17	39	54	34
Wigan	34	8	9	17	42	60	33
Darlington	35	7	11	17	35	54	32

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier Division: Group A: Bohemians v Derry City (3.30).

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth v Ebbw Vale; Briton Ferry v Afan Lido; Caersws v Mold; Holywell v Conwy; Llanelli v Maesteg Park; Llansantffraid v Connah's Quay; Porthmadog v *Flint Town Utd*; Ton Pentre v Haverfordwest.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: *First division: Bacup Borough v Clitheroe*; Bootle v Glossop North End, Chadderton v Burscough, Eastwood Hanley v Blackpool Rovers; Flixton v Maine Road; Newcastle Town v Bradford Park Avenue; Prescot v Penrith; Rossendale Utd v Salford City; St Helens Town v *Atherton LR*; Skelmersdale Utd v Darwen. Second division: Blackpool Mecs v Ashton Town; Ellesmere Port Town v Stantondale, Formby v North Trafford; Haslingden v Irlam Town, Holker Old Boys v *Cheadle Town*: *K Chell v Atherton Collieries*; Squires Gate v Maghull; Westhoughton Town v Castleton Gabriels.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia v Brandon Utd; Chester-le-Street v West Auckland; Dunston FB v Stockton; Ferryhill Athletic v Guisborough Town, Hebburn v Eppleton CW; Murton v Blyth Spartans; Seaham Red Star v Newcastle Blue Star; Tow Law Town v Consett; Whitby Town v Northallerton Tn. Second division: Bedlington Terriers v Langley Park; Crook Town v Billingham Town; *Peterlee v Easington*, Ryhope CA v Shotton Comrades, Willington v Alnwick Town.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham Town v Crediton Utd, Frome Town v Minehead; Odd Down v Elmore; Taunton Town v Mangotsfield Utd. First division: Brislington v Dawlish Town, Bridport v Barnstaple; Heavitree Utd v *Bishop Sutton*; *Ilfracombe Town v Pewsey Vale*; Larkhall Athletic v Chard Town, Warminster Town v Keynsham Town; Wellington v Devizes Town.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge Utd v Millwall; Fulham v Portsmouth; QPR v Arsenal. Second division: Brighton v Brentford; Southampton v Reading.

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Southport
Bath v Telford
Bromsgrove v Slough
Dover v Macclesfield
Merthyr v Kettering
Northwich v Halifax
Runcorn v Dagenham and Red
Stafford v Welling
Stalybridge v Witton
Woking v Gateshead
Yeovil v Kidderminster

Scottish League

Premier division

Dundee United v Celtic
Hibernian v St Johnstone
Kilmarnock v Hearts
Motherwell v Partick
Raith v Dundee
Rangers v Aberdeen

First division

Airdrie v Falkirk
Ayr v Brechin
Dumbarton v St Mirren
Dunfermline v Stirling
Hamilton v Clyde
Morton v Clydebank

Second division

Cowdenbeath v Arbroath
East Fife v Albion
Forfar v Meadowbank
Montrose v East Stirling
Queen of the South v Berwick
Queen's Park v Stranraer
Stenhousemuir v Alloa

RUGBY UNION

Pilkington Cup

Semi-finals

Harlequins v Bath
Orrell v Leicester

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bristol v London Irish

Third division

Bedford v Rosslyn Park

Fourth division

Harrogate v Liverpool St H
Plymouth v Askeans

Swalec Cup

Quarter-finals

Maesteg v Tenby Utd (2.30)
Neath v Llanelli (2.30)
Pontypridd v Newbridge (2.30)

Heineken League

Second division

Mountain Ash v Llandovery (2.30)
Treorchy v Penarth (2.30)

Insurance Corporation Irish League

First division

Blackrock College v Cork Constitution (2.30)

Club matches

Aberavon v Narberth (2.30)
Abertillery v Bridgend (2.30)
Aspatria v Egremont
Ayr v Edinburgh Acads (2.30)
Bradford and Bingley v Hartlepool Rovers
Camborne v *Redruth*
Cardiff v Barbarians (2.30)
Cross Keys v Ebbw Vale (2.30)
Dundee HSFP v West of Scotland (2.30)
Dunvant v *Sale (2.30)*
Fylde v Preston Grasshoppers
Gloucester v Portuguese President's XV
Halifax v Durham City
Hereford v Lydney
Kendal v Dudley Kingswinford
Leeds v Wharfedale
Lichfield v Staffordshire
Met Police v Thurrock
Moseley v Swansea
Newcastle Gosforth v Alnwick
Newport v Coventry
Otley v Harrogate
Plymouth v Askeans (2.30)
Sheffield v West Hartlepool
Southend v Havant
Sutton Coldfield v Tamworth
Torquay Athletic v Exeter
Wakefield v Morley
Weston-super-Mare v Clifton
Widnes v Broughton Park

OTHER MATCHES: Under-21 festival (at London Irish, 11.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE (2.30). Premier division: Askam v Blackpool; Leigh MW v Nottingham City, Saddleworth v Woolston; West Hull v Hemel Hempstead. First division: Beverley v Oulton, Dewsbury Celtic v Lock Lane, Mayfield v East Leeds. Second division: York Acorn v Oldham St Anne's.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Doncaster Panthers v London Towers (8.0); Guildford Kings v Oldham Celtics (8.0), Hemel Royals v Thames Valley Tigers (7.30), Sunderland Scorpions v Chester Jets (7.30); Worthing Bears v Leicester Riders (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: World student cross-country championships (Limerick).
MODERN PENTATHLON: International world championships qualifying event (Milton Keynes).
ORIENTEERING: Jan Kjellstrom Trophy (Hereford).
SNOOKER: British Open (Plymouth).
SPEED SKATING: World short track championships (Guildford).
SWIMMING: Edinburgh international.
TABLE TENNIS: European championships (National Indoor Arena, Birmingham).

TOMORROW

3.0 unless stated

FOOTBALL

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND (3.30): *Premier division: Group A*: Shamrock Rovers v Cork City. Group B: Cobh Ramblers v Drogheda United, Monaghan United v Limerick.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: Second division: Darlington CS v Prudhoe East End; Horden CW v Whickham.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Wales Under-18 v Ireland Under-18 (at South Wales Police, 3.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: *Final*: Blackbrook v Heworth (at Liverpool St Helens).

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Doncaster Panthers v Birmingham Bullets (5.0); Manchester Giants v Thames Valley Tigers (5.30).

OTHER SPORT

ORIENTEERING: Jan Kjellstrom Trophy (Hereford).
SNOOKER: British Open (Plymouth).
SWIMMING: Edinburgh International meeting.
TABLE TENNIS: European championships (National Indoor Arena, Birmingham).

THE TIMES SPORTS SERVICE

FOOTBALL
Scores from the FA Carling Premiership
Call 0839 555 562
Scores from the Endsleigh and Scottish leagues
Call 0839 555 512

RACING
Commentary
Call 0891 500 123
Results
Call 0891 100 123

Calls cost 39p per min cheap rate, 49p per min at other times

Dissent cuts no ice in world of razor-sharp skates

Andrew Longmore on a sport in which whingers are frozen out and referees always gain respect


Gooch, No 31, needs two victories today if he is to collect the overall title at the world short track speed skating championships

Justice is dispensed instantly with an iron hand, whingeing is not allowed, competitors accept their fate, however arbitrarily decreed, with a shrug of the shoulders. The world short track speed skating championships are not just brilliant entertainment but a lesson to sports intent on searching for truth down the cul-de-sac of video replays and third eyes.

In speed skating, the truth is the referee's word and, if Nicky Gooch was ruled out of a silver medal at the Winter Olympics by it, he was on the right end of the decision at the world championships in Guildford yesterday when an Italian, who finished second in the heat ahead of Gooch, was disqualified for cross-tracking (blocking) at the finish.

It was one of the more curious aspects of a curious day that the initial call was made by Gooch's grandfather, John Streeter, one of two rinkside observers. Neither a touch of nepotism nor the presence of a vocal home crowd, which included two other members of the Gooch family — one a steward, the other selling programmes — could, however, lift Gooch into the final of the 500 metres, in which he won bronze at the Winter Olympics.

After being tripped in the final of the 1,500 metres on the opening day of the championships, Gooch pirouetted out of the semi-final of the 500 metres sprint yesterday and has left himself with much work to do if he is to become the overall world champion.

Nothing less than victory in the final two events, the 1,000 and 3,000 metres, today will be good enough. Do not put your house on it. In a sport purpose-built for accidents, the British men seem more accident-prone than most.

Yet the prevailing attitude of "that's the way it goes" provides a refreshing change from the bitch-and-moan ethic of professional sport.

With speeds topping 25mph and up to six competitors crammed on to a tight circuit 110 metres long, the wonder is not that there are so many prangs, but that anyone stands up long enough to win. In such circumstances, being phlegmatic is not just an accessory to the sport, it is essential. "Accepting bad luck is central to the ethos," Archie Marshall, the former national coach, said. "So many things can go wrong that are just not your fault, you have to be able to take it or you'd go mad."

In his early days, Wilf O'Reilly, the former world champion who brought the sport to the public eye, was subjected to day after day of harassment in order to toughen him up for competition with the high-class Canadians and South Koreans who now dominate the sport. "We'd take his favourite spot in the changing-room, cut him up on the ice, do anything to rattle him in training because that was what he had to cope with on the track," Marshall, who is also O'Reilly's technical coach, said. "All at one in the morning on the ice in Hull." Trouble-makers tend to get weeded out early in short track.

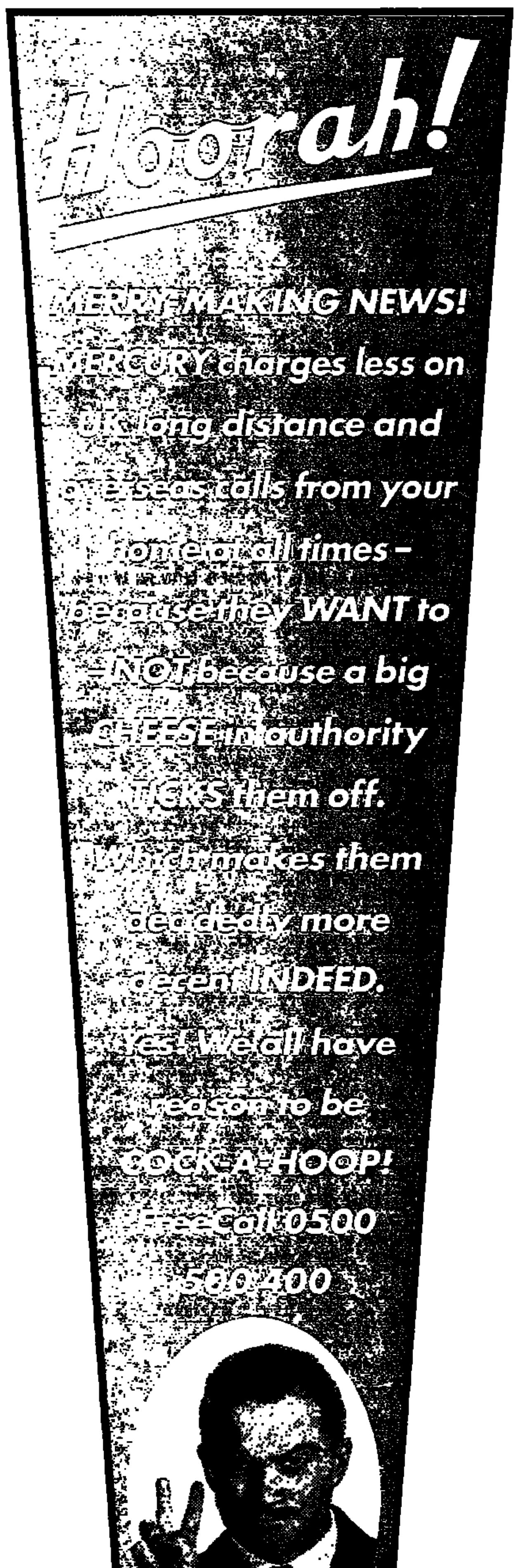
"There is no place for hot-headedness or rashness at this level," Marshall added. "So the clowns will not be picked. You have to have respect for each other or someone's going to get badly hurt."

There were more bodies strewn over the ice yesterday at the Spectrum in Guildford than during an average public session. Mark Gagnon, the reigning world champion, crashed into the barriers at full speed on the last bend of the 500 metres semi-final, ending up shaken but unhurt.

A slip by a Japanese girl precipitated a fearful melee in one of the women's semi-finals and resulted in the disqualification of a Canadian. By a miracle, everyone emerged unscathed from the swirl of razor-sharp skates.

Gooch was not so lucky. He suffered a cut on his backside in his accident on the opening day, which made the relay event, speed skating's equivalent of a Keystone Cops chase, more of an ordeal.

In relay, the handover involves one skater giving his team-mate a hefty shove on the bottom every two laps. Each push must have been agony for Gooch, who proved the weak link in the high-speed chain as Britain failed to qualify for the finals today. At least they were well prepared for disappointment. That's just the way it goes in short track.



THUNDERER
2.05 Lochnagrain. 2.35 Hilltown. 3.05 River Pearl. 3.35 Miss Capulet. 4.05 Way Of Life. 4.35 Red Tempest.

GOING: SOFT (CHASE COURSE HEAVY) SIS

2.05 WARWICK BRIDGE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,149: 2m 4f 110yd) (16 runners)

1 154P KENMORE-SPEED 18 (F,S) Mrs S Smith 7-11-8 Richard Guest
2 0016 TIGHTER BUDGET 137 (S) Mrs E Slack 7-11-8 M Moloney
3 0P/0 BONNY HECTOR 24 (S) S Pittendrigh 10-11-2 Mr A Manners (7)
4 0 BROWN BOMBER 78 D Nolan 5-11-2 R Garritty
5 20-00 CALL KENTONS 182 (B) D Nolan 8-11-2 M Dwyer
6 6033 D'ARBLAY STREET 14 W Kemp 5-11-2 S McDougall (7)
7 KIBBY BANK J Johnson 5-11-2 A Dobbin
8 0-01 LOCHNAGRAIN 21 (S) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-2 P Niven
9 0 RUSTY PLUMBER 22 J Wainwright 6-11-2 P Midgley (5)
10 3405 STRATHBOGIE MIST 25 J Parkes 6-11-2 D J Moffatt (3)
11 0-P0 WOLF'S DEN 14 P Spottiswood 5-11-2 K Johnson
12 F665 CROSS REFERENCE 16 W Reed 6-10-11 T Reed
13 0-0P EMERALD CHARM 106 J Charlton 6-10-11 J Burke (5)
14 /P-P GILMANSCLEUCH 72 K Oliver 6-10-11 F Perratt (5)
15 -824 MANETTIA 31 (S) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-11 R Hodge
16 0-4 PARLEBIZ 10 C Parker 5-10-11 B Storey

3-1 Lochnagrain, 9-2 Manettia, 5-1 Kenmore-Speed, 7-1 Kibby Bank, 8-1 D'Arblay Street, 10-1 Tighter Budget, 12-1 Call Kentons, 14-1 Emerald Charm, 16-1 others.

2.35 CUMMERSDALE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,744: 2m 1f) (12)

1 -100 HILLTOWN 24 (S) J Johnson 6-11-10 D Waters (7)
2 30F3 IMAN 22 R O'Leary 5-11-2 K Davies (5)
3 P0-00 SOME DO-NOT 17 (F,G) W Storey 10-10-8 J Supple
4 6P40 NICHOLAS PLANT 12 (B) L Lungo 5-10-8 F Perratt
5 5048 BARSAL 12 J Parkes 4-10-0 F Leahy (3)
6 6063F NOBBY 10F B Beasley 8-10-0 A Larnach
7 F40 AMERIGUE 14 D Williams 4-10-0 B Harding
8 -PP0 RUPERT STANLEY 14 (B) W Kemp 10-10-0 S McDougall (5)
9 P0-0 TOURAQUE 12 Mrs D Cotham 9-10-0 I Jardine (7)
10 P000 EMPEROR ALEXANDER 53 J Barclay 5-10-0 A Roche
11 85P0 RYTHMIC RYMER 24 J Jefferson 4-10-0 G Tormey (3)
12 6-U0 MISS JEDD 21 P Monteith 7-10-0 J Burke

11-4 Nicholas Plant, 7-2 Iman, 9-2 Hilltown, 6-1 Barsal, 8-1 Some Do Not, 10-1 Nobby, 12-1 Amerigue, 14-1 Rythmic Rymer, 20-1 others.

3.05 BORDER GARDEN CENTRE NOVICES CHASE (£2,466: 2m 4f 110yd) (16)

1 2113 RIVER PEARL 14 (D,BF,G,S) L Lungo 9-11-8 T Reed
2 P310 HUDSON BAY TRADER 14 (G,S) P Beaumont 7-11-8 Mrs A Farrell
3 P521 MAYOR OF LISCARROL 18 (F) M Smith 9-11-8 G Harker
4 1222 PRECIPICE RUN 24 (BF,G,S) G Richards 9-11-8 N Doughty
5 28P1 HERE COMES TIBBY 18 (S) W Reed 7-11-8 P Waggott (5)
6 5503 BARNEY RUBBLE 23 (G,S) D Williams 9-11-2 M Moloney
7 0-PP BELLOFAGUS 21 K Oliver 9-11-2 F Perratt (5)
8 -PP2 BITOFANATTER 16 R Goldie 6-11-2 K Johnson
9 0 COEDWGAN LUCIFER 25 W Kemp 7-11-2 A Merrigan
10 0000 DESPERADO 25 S Pittendrigh 7-11-2 Mr A Manners (7)
11 3464 EDEN SUNSET 12 R Collins 8-11-2 P Niven
12 FARMER'S HAND J Johnson 7-11-2 J Burke (5)
13 2583 PADDY MORRISSEY 29 J Haldane 7-11-2 A Dobbin
14 22P- ROYLE BURCHLIN 350P (S) D Moffatt 8-11-2 D J Moffatt (3)
15 -FPP SOUTH STACK 28 (S) Mrs S Smith 8-11-2 Richard Guest
16 3-P0F HOWCLEUCH 57 K Oliver 7-10-11 B Storey

5-2 River Pearl, 4-1 Mayor Of Liscarrol, 5-1 Precipice Run, 7-1 Here Comes Tibby, 8-1 Hudson Bay Trader, 10-1 Barney Rubble, 12-1 Royle Burchlin, 14-1 others.

3.35 QUILTER GOODISON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,303: 3m 110yd) (22)

1 1015 DIG DEEPER 66 (D,S) J J O'Neill 7-12-0 A Roche (5)
2 5-04 ROSE TABLEAU 22 (F,S) J J O'Neill 11-11-10 Miss Sue Nichol (7)
3 21-0 LION OF VIENNA 56 (D,S) T Carr 7-11-8 B Storey
4 3106 ST VILLE 45 (D,G,S) J Curtis 8-11-8 S Mason (5)
5 5034 VALIANT DASH 12 (C,D,F,G,S) J Goldie 8-11-4 F Perratt (5)
6 -500 SEXY MOVER 12 (C,G,S) W Storey 7-11-1 K Johnson
7 0055 CELTIC BREEZE 22 (V,D,G,S) M Naughton 11-11-1 J Burke (5)
8 P044 LOGICAL FUN 21 (F,S) J J O'Neill 6-11-0 M Dwyer
9 1415 JENDEE 25 (BF,S) J Hellens 6-11-0 A Larnach (3)
10 2265P SANSOOL 22 (V,D,S) A Williams 8-11-0 M Moloney
11 6212 CARSON CITY 11 (BF,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-0 P Niven
12 4010 HOTDIGGITY 10 (D,G) P Monteith 6-10-12 A Dobbin
13 4142 MISS CAPULET 22 (B,CD,G,S) T Donnelly 7-10-10 T Eley (3)
14 0005 MIDLAND EXPRESS 21 (F,G,S) Denys Smith 11-10-3 P Waggott (5)
15 1365 GYMCRAK DAWN 17 (D,G) J Hetherton 9-10-0 Richard Guest
16 6405 MR FENWICK 17 (D,F,G,S) J Eyre 10-10-0 A Mulholland
17 -00F SERPHIL 18 (B,F,S) L Lungo 6-10-0 C Grant
18 4P55 GUTE NACHT 18 (B) S Campion 11-10-0 S Lyons (5)
19 50P5 MOSSMAN 25 J Barclay 6-10-0 B Turner
20 0031 LADY BE BRAVE 7 (V,F) W Storey 11-10-0 J Supple (5)
21 0P-0 SULAAH ROSE 22 Mrs J Jordan 5-10-0 S Taylor (7)
22 P-00 ROYAL QUARRY 181 J Goulding 8-10-0 C Dennis

5-1 Carson City, 6-1 Miss Capulet, 7-1 Dig Deeper, 8-1 Jendee, Logical Fun, 10-1 Rose Tableau, 12-1 Valiant Dash, 14-1 Lion Of Vienna, 16-1 others.

4.05 BRACKENRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,881: 2m) (9)

1 F6-F STRONG APPROACH 70 (CD,G) J Charlton 9-12-0 J Burke (5)
2 4502 ABBOT OF FURNESS 21 (D,BF,S) G Richards 10-11-5 M Moloney
3 1122 MILITARY HONOUR 18 (B,D,BF,G,S) J Swiers 9-10-10 Mr S Swiers
4 2442 POSITIVE ACTION 7 (D,F,G,S) M Barnes 8-10-8 A Dobbin
5 PF-5 WAY OF LIFE 11 (D,G) M Hammond 9-10-7 C Grant
6 P661 KAMBALDA RAMBLER 23 (CD,S) C Parker 10-10-4 B Storey
7 P402 YAHEEB 23 (C,BF,G,S) M W Easterby 10-10-4 R Garritty
8 5055 CELTIC SONG 14 (G,S) W Reed 7-10-1 Mrs A Farrell
9 31F5 FUNNY OLD GAME 22 (S) D McCune 7-10-0 K Johnson

11-4 Abbot Of Furness, 3-1 Military Honour, 9-2 Kambalda Rambler, 6-1 Positive Action, Strong Approach, 10-1 Way Of Life, 12-1 Yaheeb, 16-1 others.

4.35 CARLISLE CLUB MEMBERS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,134: 2m 1f) (9)

1 2-01 CAITHNESS CLOUD 22 (S) C Parker 6-11-8 B Storey
2 6 GLEN DALUS 24 J Johnson 5-11-2 A Dobbin
3 P MR MCAFF 10 R Collins 5-11-2 P Carr (7)
4 0024 RED TEMPEST 12 J Goldie 6-11-2 F Perratt (5)
5 2545 SHAHGRAM 18 P Beaumont 6-11-2 M Dwyer
6 0900 TAUVALERA 21 (B) D Swindlehurst 7-10-11 Mr D Swindlehurst
7 /0-0 WHAT A CARD 14 R Johnson 6-10-11 K Johnson
8 00 TROY BOY 28 G Moore 4-10-10 J Callaghan
9 0842 VOLUNTEER POINT 16 (BF) Mrs S Bramall 4-10-10 J Burke (5)

6-4 Caithness Cloud, 11-4 Volunteer Point, 7-2 Shahgram, 8-1 Glen Dalus, 12-1 Red Tempest, 14-1 Troy Boy, 16-1 Tauvalera, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 15 winners from 53 runners, 28.3%; J Jefferson, 10 from 37, 27.0%; G Moore, 14 from 71, 19.7%; J Johnson, 6 from 31, 19.4%; M Hammond, 16 from 88, 18.2%; G Richards, 33 from 192, 17.2%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 26 winners from 99 rides, 26.3%; N Doughty, 27 from 106, 25.5%; M Dwyer, 18 from 85, 21.2%; S Lyons, 5 from 26, 19.2%; A Dobbin, 6 from 45, 13.3%; B Storey, 22 from 168, 13.1%; J Callaghan, 6 from 54, 11.1%.

THUNDERER
2.25 Go Ballistic. 2.55 Brabazon. 3.25 Marine Society. 3.55 Saraville. 4.25 Moriarty. 4.55 Whippers Delight.

GOING: HEAVY SIS

2.25 INVEST IN EAST STAFFORDSHIRE MAIDEN HURDLE (£3,013: 2m) (12 runners)

1 52 BILLYGOAT GRUFF 14 D Nicholson 5-11-6 J Osborne
2 6 CAMPTOSAURUS 16 J Johnson 5-11-6 A S Smith
3 123 GO BALLISTIC 17 (S) D Nicholson 5-11-6 A Maguire
4 0-50 KILLTUBBER HOUSE 19 R Lee 8-11-6 P McLoughlin (7)
5 F0FP PYRO PENNANT 24 D Burchell 9-11-6 D J Burchell
6 RULLY 9F M Chapman 5-11-6 W Worthington
7 40 SOUND AND FURY 136 J Old 10-11-6 T Grantham
8 0453 TEST MATCH 24 (S) W Clay 7-11-6 Diane Clay
9 P THINK PINK 24 P Beaumont 7-11-6 C Hawkins
10 P TIR NA NOG 42 (B) Miss L Shally 5-11-6 J Ryan
11 0440 MRS NORMAN 70 Mrs N Macauley 5-11-1 E Husband (5)
12 SEEMENOMORE 28F B Preece 5-11-1 T Wall

7-4 Go Ballistic, 2-1 Billygoat Gruff, 7-1 Test Match, 10-1 Killtubber House, 14-1 Camptosaurus, Sound And Fury, Mrs Norman, 20-1 others.

2.55 FESTIVAL PARK NOVICES CHASE (£3,534: 3m 2f) (6)

1 531P BRABAZON 17 (S) M Tompkins 9-11-9 A Maguire
2 /5/1 CELTIC BARLE 24 (D,G,S) H Hodge 10-11-9 S McNeill
3 5F-2 URIZEN 22 (G,S) P Beaumont 9-11-3 C Hawkins
4 -PP5 PENARTH 8 Mrs N Sharpe 8-10-12 A Thornton (3)
5 F32U SERDARLI 3 Miss L Shally 12-10-12 J Ryan
6 4/UP SUNCIA 17 Mrs L Taylor 10-10-12 R Farrant (3)

7-4 Urizen, 9-4 Brabazon, 5-2 Celtic Barle, 12-1 Serdarli, 14-1 Penarth, 33-1 Suncia.

3.25 OCTAGON CENTRE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,001: 2m 4f 110yd) (13)

1 2P15 PREENKA GIRL 56 (BF,S) M Pipe 5-11-10 J Lower
2 P056 MOUNTSHANNON 7 (D,G) C Trietline 8-11-9 P Caldwell
3 0052 EASTERN PLEASURE 15 (B) W Clay 7-11-7 Diane Clay
4 P-43 ROYAL STANDARD 15 P Rich 7-11-5 P McDermott
5 4550 PRIMO FIGLIO 9 Miss L Siddall 4-11-5 A Thornton (3)
6 6801 CRAZY HORSE DANCER 14 (D,G,S) F Jordan 6-11-3 R Farrant (3)
7 0022 MARINE SOCIETY 14 (B) R Lee 6-11-2 A Maguire
8 P0P0 SMART DEBUTANTE 14 (B,F) Miss S Wilton 5-10-10 P McLoughlin (7)
9 PP00 YACHT CLUB 35 (C,F) J Eyre 12-10-5 D Pears
10 -P0P MEBATORY 21 (B,S) M Chapman 7-10-5 W Worthington
11 60FP RUSTY MUSIC 66 (F) R Brown 8-10-3 Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
12 5055 BOWLAND GIRL 11 R Hollinshead 5-10-2 S Wynne (3)
13 0/0P LATOSKY 21 (B) J Norton 6-10-0 W Fry (7)

3-1 Marine Society, 7-2 Preenka Girl, 4-1 Eastern Pleasure, 9-2 Royal Standard, Crazy Horse Dancer, 16-1 Mountshannon, 20-1 Primo Figlio, 25-1 Bowland Girl, Yacht Club, 33-1 others.

3.55 ST MODWEN HANDICAP CHASE (£4,065: 2m 5f) (4)

1 50P1 LUMBERJACK 14 (B,CD,G,S) C Egerton 10-12-0 J Osborne
2 -232 SARAVILLE 17 (D,BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-10-10 J Lower
3 1464 RADICAL REQUEST 44 (B,G,S) K Burke 11-10-0 A Maguire
4 45P1 FAST CRUISE 7 (B,S) E Owen jun 9-10-0 A Thornton (3)

5-4 Saraville, 6-4 Lumberjack, 4-1 Fast Cruise, 6-1 Radical Request.

4.25 RAYNESWAY PARK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,085: 2m) (8)

1 1110 ALLEGATION 16 (V,D,G) M Pipe 4-12-0 J Lower
2 2410 MARROS MILL 18 (D,S) D Nicholson 4-11-12 A Maguire
3 018 MY ADVENTURE 49 (S) M H Easterby 4-10-8 L Wyer
4 3225 MORIARTY 3 (D,S) R Price 7-10-8 J McCarthy (3)
5 2202 FORGETFUL 30 (BF) D Burchell 5-10-0 D J Burchell
6 PP50 FINNOW QUAY 25 J Johnson 5-10-0 A S Smith
7 P6-1 MOYNSHA HOUSE 75 (S) B Curley 5-10-0 NON-RUNNER
8 43RP GOLDEN MADJAMBO 75F F Jordan 8-10-0 J Lodder

7-4 Marros Mill, 9-4 Allegation, 5-1 Forgetful, 11-2 Moriarty, 7-1 My Adventure, 14-1 Finnow Quay, 50-1 Golden Madjambo.

4.55 ORBITAL CENTRE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,081: 2m) (5)

1 5F45 BORO SMACKEROO 57 (D,F,G,S) J Johnson 9-11-10 A S Smith
2 F223 SUN SURFER 23 (D,G,S) T Forster 6-11-2 B Powell
3 P-0P ARCHIE BROWN 35 (D,G) S Sherwood 7-11-2 J Osborne
4 -103 SOOTHFAST 23 (D,BF,S) J Old 5-10-11 T Grantham
5 6322 WHIPPERS DELIGHT 8 (CD,G,S) G Charles-Jones 6-10-0 D Meade

2-1 Sun Surfer, 9-4 Soothfast, 7-2 Whippers Delight, 5-1 Boro Smackeroo, 8-1 Archie Brown.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 5 winners from 14 runners, 35.7%; J Old, 3 from 9, 33.3%; M Pipe, 39 from 123, 31.7%; T Forster, 12 from 38, 31.6%; C Egerton, 3 from 10, 30.0%; D Nicholson, 9 from 44, 20.5%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 23 winners from 94 rides, 24.5%; S McNeill, 8 from 37, 21.6%; L Wyer, 3 from 26, 11.5%; A Maguire, 9 from 79, 11.4%. Only Qualifiers.

THUNDERER
2.20 Hillwalk. 2.50 Postman's Path. 3.20 Miss Marigold. 3.50 Sartorius. 4.20 Teaplanter. 4.50 Doc Cottrill.
Brian Beel: 4.20 Teaplanter.

GOING: SOFT

2.20 TURF CLUB NOVICES CHASE (£3,019: 2m 6f) (9 runners)

1 3301 HILLWALK 9 (G,S) R Curtis 8-12-0 D Morris
2 1F83 DON'T TELL THE WIFE 14 (S) Mrs D Haine 8-11-10 W Marston
3 3122 RIVER MANDATE 11 (G,BF) T Forster 7-11-10 B Powell
4 P002 CANAVER 19 J Webber 8-11-4 G McCourt
5 34/U INTERPLAY 17 (G,S) R O'Sullivan 9-11-4 E Murphy
6 4/5/ LUCKY LANDERS 875 N Twiston-Davies 9-11-4 D Bridgwater
7 PPP0 PARSON'S WAY 19 (B) A Jones 7-11-4 P Holley
8 0353 SPECIAL ACCOUNT 9 (V,G,S) C Barwell 8-11-4 N Mann
9 6006 STYLISH GENT 72 (B,F,G) P Clarke 7-11-4 I Lawrence

5-4 Hillwalk, 7-4 River Mandate, 5-1 Dont Tell The Wife, 14-1 others.

2.50 SCHILIZZI 1986 CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,602: 2m 6f) (5)

1 135P INVASION 80 (V,C,D,F,G,S) O Brennan 10-11-10 M Brennan
2 6445 DERRING VALLEY 29 (B,CD,F,G,S) A Jones 9-11-9 M A Fitzgerald
3 BP5P FALSE ECONOMY 44 (B,C,G,S) J Edwards 9-11-7 D Bridgwater
4 P422 POSTMAN'S PATH 23 (CD,G,S) T Forster 8-11-6 B Powell
5 0063 MWEENISH 24 (C,G,S) J Webber 12-11-4 G McCourt

2-1 Invasion, 5-2 Postman's Path, 11-4 Mweenish, 7-1 others.

3.20 NATIONAL LETTERBOX MARKETING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,723: 2m) (9)

1 2326 STRATH ROYAL 28 (CD,F,G,S) O Brennan 8-12-0 M Brennan
2 1036 TOP WAVE 21 (D,G,S) N Henderson 6-11-9 M A Fitzgerald
3 1111 MISS MARIGOLD 15 (B,D,F,G,S) R Hodges 5-11-4 A Tory
4 4F21 TAYLORS PRINCE 23 (V,CD,F,G,S) H Collingridge 7-10-12 V Smith
5 0540 TILT TECH FLYER 7F (V,D,S) C Broad 9-10-5 W Marston
6 0-06 BANKONIT 15 (D,S) P Burgoyne 6-10-2 I Lawrence
7 0-PP NO SIR ROM 9 (D,F,G) R Dickin 8-10-2 D Meredith (3)
8 0/54 DRAMATIC EVENT 11 (D,G) J Moore 9-10-0 E Murphy
9 2243 CELTIC BOB 9 (D,F,G,S) O O'Neill 14-10-0 V Slattery

9-4 Taylors Prince, 5-2 Miss Marigold, 9-2 Strath Royal, 5-1 others.

3.50 SCHILIZZI CHALLENGE BOWL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,443: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 01U3 BOSTON ROVER 15 (CD,F,G,S) O Brennan 9-11-11 M Brennan
2 115P SAILORS LUCK 16 (D,G,S) P Murphy 9-11-10 E Murphy
3 3253 DR ROCKET 57 (CD,BF,F,G,S) R Dickin 9-11-9 D Meredith (3)
4 1253 SARTORIUS 11 (D,BF,G,S) T Thomson Jones 8-11-2 G McCourt
5 -53P BLUE BUCCANEER 119 (CD,G,S) T Forster 11-10-4 M A Fitzgerald
6 3314 GENERAL MERCHANT 11 (B,CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 14-10-2 A Tory
7 PU33 RATHER SHARP 10 (CD,S) C Popham 8-10-0 P Holley

9-4 Boston Rover, 3-1 Dr Rocket, 7-2 Sartorius, 4-1 Sailors Luck, 10-1 others.

4.20 EMPRESS ELIZABETH OF AUSTRIA HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,469: 3m 1f) (6)

1 4143 QUEEN'S CHAPLAIN 11 (F,G,S) Mrs M Morris 10-12-10 Mrs M Morris (7)
2 -112 TEAPLANTER 16 (CD,F,G,S) Miss C Saunders 11-12-10 R Russell (5)
3 1525 BLAKES ORPHAN 21P (F,G,S) A Illsley 8-12-0 T Illsley (7)
4 0-32 NICK THE BRIEF 56P (D,F,G,S) J Upson 12-12-0 T Byrne (5)
5 U252 PARSON'S CROSS 7P (F,G) Mrs J Mayes 10-12-0 G Johnson Houghton (3)
6 -12U PARSONS PLEASURE 23 (S) Mrs A Bowlby 11-12-0 C Morlock (7)

Form figures include point-to-points

1-3 Teaplanter, 7-1 Nick The Brief, 8-1 Parsons Pleasure, 14-1 others.

4.50 GRACE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,830: 2m) (7)

1 2314 ERCKULE 7 (S) N Gaselee 11-4 R Supple
2 12P GIORDANO 84F (D,S) P Evans 11-4 Gary Lyons
3 DARING KING 155F G Pritchard-Gordon 10-12 V Smith
4 DOC COTTRILL 179F N Twiston-Davies 10-12 D Bridgwater
5 4 ROMALITO 155F M Blanshard 10-12 M A Fitzgerald
6 SPIKE 182F C Hensley 10-12 M Bosley
7 SEATTLE AFFAIR 159F C Jones 10-7 D Meredith (3)

5-4 Erckule, 5-2 Doc Cottrill, 5-1 Giordano, 8-1 Daring King, 12-1 others.

THUNDERER
2.15 Roxton Hill. 2.45 Thanksfortheoffer. 3.15 Betty Hayes. 3.45 Polar Hat. 4.15 Setter Country. 4.45 Caribbean Prince.

GOING: HEAVY

2.15 EASTER BUNNY NOVICES CHASE (£2,670: 2m 110yd) (4 runners)

1 /3-1 ROXTON HILL 135 (D,S) C Brooks 9-11-8 R Dunwoody
2 5633 ALDAHE 17 (B) B Millman 9-11-2 S Burrough
3 000 GRECIAN SAILOR 28 R Frost 9-11-2 J Frost
4 0F44 WHYFOR 17 S G Knight 6-11-2 C Maude

1-6 Roxton Hill, 8-1 Aldahe, 10-1 Whyfor, 16-1 Grecian Sailor.

2.45 DARTMOOR SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,074: 2m 6f) (14)

1 -500 BOREEN JEAN 10 (V,F,G,S) K Bridgwater 10-11-10 T Jenks (3)
2 -060 AL SAHIL 36 (B,CD,BF,G,S) J White 9-11-8 B Clifford
3 014P ONE TO NOTE 21 (S) M Muggeridge 10-11-2 M Ahern
4 4034 PUNCHBAG 17 (C,G,S) G Ham 8-11-0 C Maude
5 00U5 CHICKABIDDY 10 (G) G Edwards 6-10-4 D Salter (5)
6 P/0 CHIROPODIST 19 (V,C,F,S) A J Wilson 10-10-4 D Leahy (5)
7 PRRF LEGAL WIN 17 (B,F) D Barons 6-10-4 Mr G Shenkin (7)
8 4640 SUASANAN SIOSANA 30 (S) J Upson 8-10-2 J James (7)
9 3054 BOOGIE BOPPER 14 (V,S) M Pipe 5-10-0 R Dunwoody
10 0843 THANKSFORTHEOFFER 14 (V) I Jones 6-10-0 Pat Thompson (7)
11 /P40 MARLBOROUGH LADY 19 (B,C,F) Mrs A Knight 8-10-0 S Burrough
12 P/3P LEAVE IT OUT 19 R Frost 12-10-0 J Frost
13 P600 PRINCE VALMY 19 N Ayliffe 9-10-0 D Matthews (5)
14 0P36 BRIGHT SAPPHIRE 19 (C,F,G,S) J Bradley 6-10-0 Guy Lewis (3)

9-2 Thanksfortheoffer, 5-1 One To Note, 6-1 Chickabiddy, Boogie Bopper, 13-2 Al Sahil, 8-1 Boreen Jean, Suasanan Siosana, 10-1 Punchbag, 20-1 others.

☐ Stewards inspected the course at Newton Abbot yesterday after heavy rain had placed today's meeting in doubt. They found it fit for racing and no further inspection is planned.

3.15 TOUCH OF SPRING HANDICAP CHASE (£3,144: 3m 2f 110yd) (5)

1 1055 CATCH THE CROSS 16 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 8-12-0 R Dunwoody
2 521U RUFUS 7 (B,CD,S) B Smart 8-11-1 L Harvey
3 2U11 BETTY HAYES 12 (D,F,G,S) R Alner 10-10-8 P Carey (7)
4 3632 PLAYPEN 68 (CD,BF,F,S) R Frost 10-10-0 J Frost
5 BP43 TRUSTY FRIEND 17 (CD,G,S) C Popham 12-10-0 C Maude

5-4 Betty Hayes, 2-1 Catch The Cross, 4-1 Rufus, 8-1 Playpen, 16-1 Trusty Friend.

3.45 MILE END MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,192: 2m 1f) (8)

1 40P0 FERNY BALL 23 A Dunn 6-11-7 M Hourigan
2 0 MARYLAND BOY 9 M Kenner 6-11-7 R Darke (7)
3 5060 MR WILBUR 66 R Frost 8-11-7 J Frost
4 50-6 PIONEER PETE 123 R Frost 7-11-7 NON-RUNNER
5 03F- POLAR HAT 387 M Pipe 6-11-7 R Dunwoody
6 200- PUKKA SAHIB 343 G Balding 7-11-7 R Davis (5)
7 0064 SPIRIT LEVEL 5 J Payne 6-11-2 Mr R Payne (7)
8 0P/03 TUMBLED BRIDE 17 (S) Mr V Greenway 8-11-2 C Maude

5-4 Polar Hat, 5-2 Pukka Sahib, 6-1 Tumbled Bride, 7-1 Mr Wilbur, 10-1 Spirit Level, 12-1 Ferny Ball, 16-1 others.

4.15 HACCOMBE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,246: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 P102 NORTHERN JINKS 8 (B,C,D,G,S) R Dickin 11-12-0 D Meredith (3)
2 2563 AL HASHIMI 8 (D,F,G) R Hodges 10-11-10 R Dunwoody
3 2340 SETTER COUNTRY 16 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 10-11-8 W Irvine
4 -221 BOLD CHOICE 11 (F,G) R Frost 8-10-5 J Frost
5 F8F4 LUCKY AGAIN 14 (D,G) C Popham 7-10-0 C Maude

6-4 Northern Jinks, 3-1 Setter Country, 7-2 Al Hashimi, 4-1 Bold Choice, 20-1 Lucky Again.

4.45 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB CHALLENGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,634: 2m 1f) (5)

1 1245 ATHAR 98 (CD,F,G,S) R Baker 5-11-10 L Harvey
2 5555 CORPEN HILL 51 (D,S) R Hodges 7-11-7 R Dunwoody
3 5002 CHEERFUL TIMES 9 (B,S) Mrs S Williams 11-10-8 J Frost
4 -224 CARIBBEAN PRINCE 5 (CD,BF,F,S) Mrs J Retter 6-10-3 S Burrough
5 -395 CHARCOAL BURNER 15 (C,S) Mrs J Retter 9-10-0 S Fox (5)

6-4 Caribbean Prince, 7-4 Cheerful Times, 5-1 Athar, 6-1 others.

THUNDERER
2.30 Congregation. 3.00 Kalamoss. 3.30 Gallant Effort. 4.00 Googly. 4.30 Ginger Tristan. 5.00 Qualitair Memory.

GOING: HEAVY (7.30AM INSPECTION)

2.30 ST PETER-ST JAMES HOSPICE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,758: 2m 2f) (7 runners)

1 33P3 KIBREET 9 (F,G,S) R Alner 7-11-10 S Earle
2 2332 CONGREGATION 11 (BF,S) R Rowe 8-11-2 J Railton
3 P5F0 NATHIR 12 (C,S) P Butler 8-10-13 N Williamson
4 -211 LADY GHISLAINE 12 (C,G,S) J White 7-10-6 W McFarland
5 5334 FRED SPLENDID 29 (C,S) R Hodges 11-10-5 D Murphy
6 6P65 RUSTIC GENT 15 (F) Mrs L Jewell 6-10-0 J R Kavanagh
7 44-3 IDLEIGH'S STAR 19 A Moore 10-10-0 D Gallagher

6-4 Congregation, 5-2 Lady Ghislaine, 5-1 Kibreet, 7-1 Fred Splendid, 10-1 Nathir, 16-1 Rustic Gent, 25-1 Idleigh's Star.

3.00 HALLANDS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,861: 2m 1f) (6)

1 1131 AL FORUM 61 (CD,G,S) J Bridger 4-11-10 D O'Sullivan
2 3421 YAAFOOR 19 (B,CD,G) P Hedger 5-11-3 M Richards
3 45F2 KALAMOSS 12 (F) N Mitchell 5-10-10 Miss S Mitchell (7)
4 3350 DO BE WARE 11 J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-0 J R Kavanagh
5 -PUU FIVE CASTLES 12 (F) G Enright 6-10-0 M Perrett
6 0P40 BARGAIN BOY 12 (B) J Long 6-10-0 Leesa Long

6-4 Al Forum, 9-4 Yaafoor, 11-4 Kalamoss, 10-1 Do Be Ware, 20-1 others.

3.30 DRONES RESTAURANT NOVICES CHASE (£2,422: 2m 5f) (5)

1 1323 GALLANT EFFORT 19 (D,BF,G,S) S Dow 6-11-8 W McFarland
2 1PPU HOWARYADOON 25 (F,S) R Rowe 8-11-6 J Railton
3 6641 MAJOR INQUIRY 45 (D,F,G,S) J Gifford 8-11-6 D Murphy
4 3-02 DISCO DUKE 19 (F) A Moore 9-11-2 D Gallagher
5 4432 MR MATT 42 (BF,S) D Grissell 6-11-2 Peter Hobbs

5-4 Major Inquiry, 5-2 Gallant Effort, 4-1 Howaryadoon, 6-1 Mr Matt, Disco Duke.

4.00 HAILSHAM NOVICES HURDLE (£1,543: 2m 1f) (5)

1 141 GOOGLY 12 (CD,S) J White 5-11-8 N Williamson
2 PPPP BALUSTRADE 3 (B) B Stevens 7-11-0 W McFarland
3 P KIMON-PENNY 19 B Stevens 6-11-0 M Stevens
4 212 REDEEMYOURSELF 21 (S) J Gifford 5-11-0 D Murphy
5 3532 ESPRIT DE FEMME 24 D Browning 8-10-9 Peter Hobbs

4-5 Googly, 7-4 Redeemyourself, 5-1 Esprit De Femme, 33-1 Kimon-Penny, 66-1 Balustrade.

4.30 ABERGAVENNY CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £2,807: 3m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 1641 THE TARTAN SPARTAN 14 (D,F,G) M Wilkinson 10-11-10 P Ward (7)
2 2123 GINGER TRISTAN 4 (G,S) D Grissell 8-11-5 Peter Hobbs
3 13FP GENERAL BRANDY 14 (S) J Gifford 8-10-9 P Hide (3)
4 3546 THAMESDOWN TOOTSIE 19 (G,S) A Jones 9-10-7 D Murphy
5 08P2 CAMDEN BELLE 14 (F,G) M Muggeridge 12-10-4 M Perrett
6 3-03 FAARIS 45 (C,F,G,S) D Grissell 13-10-0 J Railton

5-4 The Tartan Spartan, 7-2 Ginger Tristan, 6-1 General Brandy, 8-1 Faaris, Camden Belle, 12-1 Thamesdown Tootsie.

5.00 HURSTPIERPOINT HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,163: 2m 4f) (10)

1 -RUR ROYAL FLAMINGO 16 (F,G,S) G Bravery 8-11-10 R J Beggan
2 6651 SMILING CHIEF 18 (B,CD,G) R Hodges 6-11-6 S Smith Eccles
3 4002 CARRIKINS 11 (CD,G) D Grissell 7-11-4 Peter Hobbs
4 3305 GAMEFULL GOLD 14 (CD,G) S Dow 5-11-3 A Dicken
5 -PUF EDDIE WALSHE 25F (F) J Long 9-11-0 Leesa Long
6 0020 SCOTTISH BALL 26 (V) F Gray 5-10-12 M Crosse
7 0-311 AUGUST TWELFTH 12 (CD,S) D O'Brien 6-10-10 Mr Raymond White
8 1101 BAYLORD PRINCE 12 (C,G) R Hoad 6-10-10 M Hoad
9 1642 QUALITAIR MEMORY 19 (V,D,G,S) J Akehurst 5-10-8 S Ryan (7)
10 5060 GRAND COLONIST 14 R Dean 7-10-0 A Procter (3)

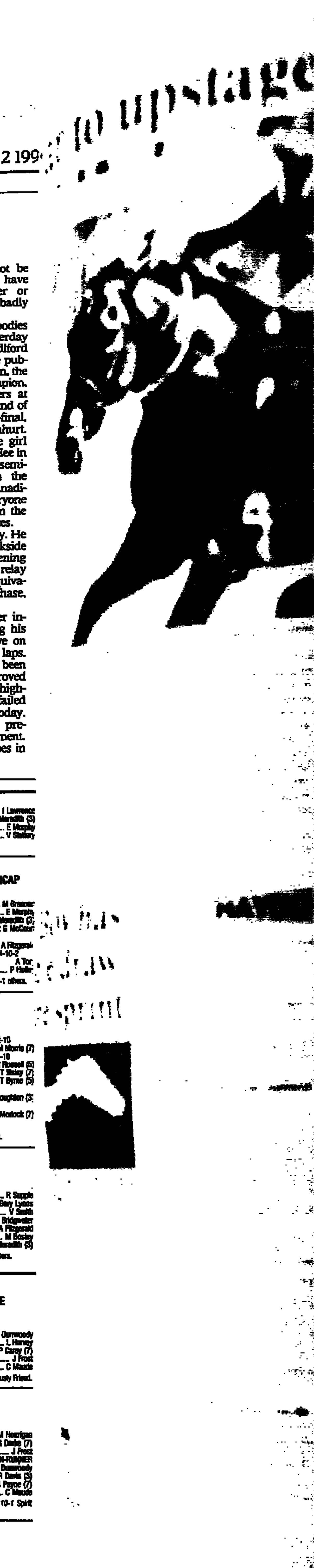
5-2 Carrikins, 3-1 Smiling Chief, 7-2 Qualitair Memory, 8-1 August Twelfth, 10-1 Baylord Prince, Gamefull Gold, 14-1 others.

☐ There is a 7.30am inspection to determine prospects for Plumpton this afternoon. Cliff Griggs, the clerk of the course, reported the chances as "50-50" after heavy rain.

NEWTON ABBOT
Trainers: C Brooks, 9 winners from 28 runners, 32.1%; M Pipe, 105 from 344, 30.5%; J White, 10 from 46, 21.7%; B Millman, 3 from 17, 17.6%; A Dunn, 3 from 18, 16.7%; G Balding, 8 from 56, 14.3%.
Jockeys: R Dunwoody, 24 winners from 105 rides, 22.9%; D Meredith, 4 from 18, 22.2%; B Clifford, 11 from 52, 21.2%; L Harvey, 9 from 65, 13.8%; M Hourigan, 4 from 34, 11.8%; C Maude 11 from 101, 10.9%.

PLUMPTON
Trainers: R Alner, 5 winners from 12 runners, 41.7%; J White, 35 from 130, 26.9%; D Grissell, 12 from 61, 19.7%; R Hodges, 11 from 57, 19.3%; S Dow, 7 from 39, 17.9%; N Mitchell, 4 from 27, 14.8%.
Jockeys: S Smith Eccles, 7 winners from 25 rides, 28.0%; N Williamson, 6 from 26, 21.4%; M Perrett, 14 from 66, 21.2%; D Murphy, 7 from 34, 20.6%; S Earle, 5 from 25, 20.0%; W McFarland, 6 from 31, 19.4%.

TOWCESTER
Trainers: Miss C Saunders, 5 winners from 10 runners, 50.0%; J Moore, 4 from 10, 40.0%; R Hodges, 5 from 13, 38.5%; O Brennan, 19 from 62, 30.6%; H Collingridge, 3 from 12, 25.0%; N Henderson, 10 from 47, 21.3%.
Jockeys: Mr R Russell, 4 winners from 6 rides, 66.7%; M Brennan, 19 from 55, 34.5%; D Meredith, 3 from 9, 33.3%; N Mann, 3 from 16, 18.8%; G McCourt, 4 from 25, 16.0%; V Smith, 3 from 20, 15.0%.



هكذا من الأصل

Indhar to upstage Concordial

By Robert Wright

THE first of many lofty reputations goes on the line at Kempton Park today when Concordial, at the moment owner Khaled Abdulla's first string for the 2,000 Guineas, makes his reappearance in the Bonusprint Easter Stakes.

Having shown his ability to cope with cut in the ground, he must win today to have a realistic chance in the colts' classic but, as ever, there are pretenders waiting in the wings hoping to steal his thunder.

Newmarket trainer Jack Banks has just four colts of the classic generation in his yard, but one of those, Indhar, has every chance of lowering Concordial's colours. Unbeaten in two starts last year, Indhar showed a useful turn of foot to win the Houghton Stakes at Newmarket and has yet to be fully extended.

The chief unknown quantity at this time of year is whether horses have matured sufficiently during the winter to maintain their progress. On that count, Banks has no fears. "He's grown an inch during the winter. The original plan was to go for the Craven, but he has come to hand more quickly than I expected and is as fit as I can get him without a race," he said yesterday.

Although both of Indhar's victories last season were achieved on straight tracks, Banks is confident that running around a bend at Kempton will not inconvenience his charge. "We had a canter built during the winter, and I've been working him right-handed around that. He rails like a greyhound."

Concordial, trained by Roger Charlton and the mount of Pat Eddery, will be a warm favourite for today's race. However, his rider will have mixed feelings if he is caught in the dying strides by Indhar, as the latter was bred by Patrick Eddery Ltd.

The Masaka Stakes, won last year by subsequent Irish 1,000 Guineas winner Nicer, appears to be slightly less competitive this season. Tzu'Mu, trained by Geoffrey Wragg, is one of the few with classic potential. Bred to stay middle distances, she performed with credit on both of her starts last season, over six furlongs, getting up close home on the second occasion to win a Newmarket maiden.

Tzu'Mu may improve significantly now that she is given a stiffer test of stamina, but is likely to be ideally suited by further still, and the Oaks would appear a more realistic long-term target than the Guineas.

The trials are only just beginning, but since French-trained runners have been successful in one of the Newmarket classics for the last two seasons, their main trials — at Maisons-Laffitte on Tuesday — are particularly worthy of attention.

The Prix Djebel, which saw the reappearance of Zafonic last year, and the Prix Imprudence, in which Hatoof ran before her 1,000 Guineas victory in 1992, both contain live contenders for this season's contests.

Signe Divin, trained by Andre Fabre, has nine expected rivals in the Djebel, including Dewhurst Stakes sixth Psychobabble, while Coup De Genie, who is reportedly working well again following two slightly disappointing efforts at the end of last season, will run in the Imprudence.

However, the French races require careful analysis — both Zafonic and Hatoof were narrowly beaten in their trials.

MARTIN LYNCH



Concordial, nearside, attempts to underline his Guineas claims in the Bonusprint Easter Stakes at Kempton today

No easy task for Another Troup

By Brian Beel

THE Easter weekend sees the height of activity in the point-to-point season with 186 races scheduled at 29 meetings. Principal among these this afternoon are the Land Rover qualifiers at the **Ashford Valley**, **Hurworth**, and **Woodland Pytchley** and the four-mile open races at three other meetings.

Another Troup, winner of four of his five races this season, will face stiff opposition in the Ashford Valley event from Nathan Blake and Welshman's Gully. The hunter chasers Final Chant and Duright meet at the Hurworth, while Prince Of Verona has Alpha One to beat at the Woodland Pytchley.

The ladies' and men's open races are run over four miles at the **Percy**, where Steele Justice, a winner at the recent all-hunter chase Newcastle meeting, should prevail in the former. But Royal Jester, a winner on the same card, may be beaten in the men's event by Jimmy River.

□ The **Cattistock** and **Monmouthshire** today have been abandoned.

TODAY'S FIXTURES: Ashford Valley, Charing, 6m north east of Ashford (first race 2.00); East Essex, Marks Tey, 5m W of Colchester (1.30); Garth and South Berks, Tweseldown, 3m W of Aldershot (1.30), Hurworth, Howe Hills, 6m E of Bishop Auckland (1.30); Ledbury, Maisemore Park, 2m NW of Gloucester (2.00). North Staffordshire, Sandon, 4m SE of Stone (2.00); Percy, Alnwick, 3m E of town (2.00). Royal Artillery, Larkhill, 3m NW of Amesbury (1.00); Spooners and West Dartmoor, Cherrybrook, 2m NE of Tavistock (1.30); Vale of Aylesbury, Kimble, 4m S of Aylesbury (2.00); Vale of Lune, Whittington, 2m S of Kirkby Lonsdale (2.00); Woodland Pytchley, Dingley, 2m E of Market Harborough (2.15).

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

1.45 Honey Trader
2.15 ROBSERA (nap)
2.45 Sea Raven
3.15 Clyde Goddess
3.45 Teetotaller
4.15 Concordial
4.45 Midyan Blue

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 THABIT.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 Three In One.

GOING: SOFT (STRAIGHT COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT (ROUND) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.45 E.B.F. REDFERN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,260: 5f) (9 runners)

101 (4) DON ALVARO (G Pritchard) G Lewis 9-0 ... B Raymond –
102 (6) HONEY TRADER (Mrs C Dealers) J Berry 9-0 ... G Carter –
103 (5) NAFTA (P Silver) B Hills 9-0 ... M Hills –
104 (7) OUTSTAYED WELCOME (Mrs B Bell) M Haynes 9-0 ... J Reid –
105 (1) 4 STATOM 9 (Mrs N Crook) M Channon 9-0 ... T Quinn –
106 (2) THEROS (P Christey) R Hannon 9-0 ... Pat Eddery –
107 (8) 0 VOCAL COMMAND 9 (D Barker) G Lewis 9-0 ... Paul Eddery –
108 (3) WITNEY-DE-BERGERAC (E Houghton) J Moore 9-0 ... N Adams –
109 (9) NOLAVA (S Cannon Ltd) K Ivory 8-9 ... D Holland –

BETTING: 2-1 Nafta, 7-2 Theros, 4-1 Honey Trader, 5-1 Statom, Don Alvaro, 14-1 others.

1993: VALIANT MAN 9-0 J Williams (20-1) J Wharton 10 ran

2.15 MIDDLESEX HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,980: 1m) (17 runners)

201 (2) 4321- SMART FAMILY 145 (G) (A Elliot) P Cole 9-7 ... T Quinn 90
202 (12) 442040- SHARP TYCOON 169 (P O'Sullivan) B Meehan 9-3 ... B Doyle (3) 92
203 (4) 3452- THREE IN ONE 161 (W Scott) M Stoute 9-2 ... W R Swinburn 95
204 (3) 1650- BEAUTETE 186 (F) (D Churston) S Dow 9-2 ... W Ryan 95
205 (6) 060- PERICARDIA 149 (Ettore Landi) J Dunlop 9-1 ... W Carson 88
206 (5) 043550- ROBSERA 169 (D Barker) G Lewis 9-0 ... B Raymond 91
207 (7) 0424- UP IN FLAMES 137 (Triple F Partnership) M Campion 9-0 ... M Hills 91
208 (16) 604010- SHOOFK 155 (D,S) (A Al Jaffeh) Mrs L Piggott 8-13 ... L Piggott 94
209 (17) 543120- KERRIE-JO 147 (G) (Mrs M Day) M Haynes 8-11 ... J Reid 94
210 (10) 2400-1 ASTRAL WEEKS 5 (S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 8-8 (5ex) ... Pat Eddery ⊕
211 (9) 5000-23 PAPAGAYOS 28 (BF) (Parrot Racing) C Brittain 8-6 ... M Roberts 98
212 (1) 320-051 GREENBACK 28 (D,G) (Mrs V Vdasi) S Williams 8-4 ... A Munro 97
213 (14) 11-3513 QUEENS STROLLER 29 (BF,G) (R Bereson) C C Elsey 8-3 ... D Holland 96
214 (15) 060500- EVANRO 130 (Thames Leasing Ltd) C C Elsey 8-1 ... J Lowe 95
215 (11) 6600- FRANKLY MY DEAR 234 (Mrs G Goode) R Boss 8-1 ... D Harrison 85
216 (8) 000- HADI 211 (F Kalla) N Callaghan 7-13 ... J Quinn 98
217 (13) 630000- JEAN DE FLORETTE 182 (J Purcell) R Spicer 7-7 ... G Bardwell –

Long handicap: Jean De Florette 7-0

BETTING: 5-1 Astral Weeks, 6-1 Three In One, 8-1 Greenback, Pericardia, 10-1 Papagayos, Queens Stroller, 12-1 Shoofk, 14-1 Kerrie-Jo, Robsera, 16-1 Smart Family, Up In Flames, 20-1 others.

1993: MR VINCENT 9-2 D Harrison (11-2) G Lewis 13 ran

2.45 FIFIELD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,377: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

301 (3) 42- ALJAWAB 280 (S Khaled) J Dunlop 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 74
302 (1) 03- EL BAILADOR 213 (Mrs J Lee) J Bethell 9-0 ... A Munro 54
303 (7) 0- EPICA 185 (Miss L Regis) R Hannon 9-0 ... J Reid –
304 (2) 02- IRISH SENOR 208 (A Chidley) J Banks 9-0 ... J Quinn 75
305 (11) 3- MEELAAD 255 (A Merza) C Brittain 9-0 ... M Roberts 71
306 (12) NICK THE BISCUIT (G Middlebrook) M Usher 9-0 ... R Price –
307 (10) 0-0 RAMSHAW 7 (Lucayan Stud) R Hannon 9-0 ... T Quinn 61
308 (9) SEA GOD (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 9-0 ... M Hills –
309 (8) 0- SEA RAVEN 170 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... W R Swinburn –
310 (13) 234- THABIT 185 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 ... W Carson ⊕
311 (6) 0- TWISP 184 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Fanshawe 9-0 ... W Ryan –
312 (5) 60- FRUSTRATION 162 (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 8-9 ... D Harrison –
313 (4) 0- MIRADOR 154 (Mrs K Curtis) R Curtis 8-9 ... J Lowe –
314 (15) TWEET TWEET (Lady Matthews) R Williams 8-9 ... R Cochrane –
315 (14) WHITE FLASH (R Tooth) D Elsworth 8-9 ... J Williams –

BETTING: 4-1 Sea Raven, 5-1 Sea God, 6-1 Meelaad, Thabit, 7-1 Aljawab, 8-1 Ramshaw, 10-1 Irish Senor, 14-1 Frustration, 16-1 others.

1993: MAGICAL RETREAT 8-9 D Biggs (16-1) C Cyzer 17 ran

3.15 BONUSPRINT MASAKA STAKES C4

(Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £10,844: 1m) (12 runners)

401 (2) 348011- BEARALL 161 (CD,F,S) (Mr and Mrs M Winterford) R Hannon 8-12 ... B Rouse 95
402 (3) 318110- BRAARI 169 (F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) B Hills 8-12 ... W Carson 95
403 (4) 11434- WHATCOMBE 174 (G) (F Salman) P Cole 8-12 ... T Quinn 85
404 (10) 313- CLYDE GODDESS 161 (D,S) (C Humphris) J Dunlop 8-8 ... A Munro 98
405 (12) 062261- CRAZY FOR YOU 154 (V,G) (Mrs F Vigors) M Channon 8-8 ... G Carter 85
406 (8) 6142- FAWAAKEH 185 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-8 ... R Hills 85
407 (1) 4211- HEVER GOLF ROSE 245 (G) (R Popely) T Naughton 8-8 ... Paul Eddery 83
408 (5) 323- LADY FAIRFAX 170 (B Gover) R Boss 8-8 ... Pat Eddery ⊕
409 (6) 33- LEOPARDESS 235 (Mrs S Rogers) C Brittain 8-8 ... M Roberts 84
410 (11) 013- PURSUIT OF GLORY 155 (G) (G Leigh) C Cyzer 8-8 ... W Ryan 79
411 (9) 542140- THREATENING 161 (G,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 8-8 ... R Cochrane 89
412 (7) 21- TZU'MU 169 (S) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-8 ... M Hills 89

BETTING: 4-1 Clyde Goddess, 9-2 Braari, 5-1 Tzu'mu, 7-1 Lady Fairfax, 8-1 Bearall, Crazy For You, Hever Golf Rose, 10-1 Fawaakeh, Leopardess, Whatcombe.

1993: NICER 8-11 D Holland (14-1) B Hills 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEARALL beat Palana neck in 11-runner listed race at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to soft) with CLYDE GODDESS (4lb better off) head 3rd and THREATENING (7lb better off) 18½l 10th. BRAARI best effort last season when beating Promise Fulfilled 3½l in 5-runner conditions race at York (6f, good to firm).
CRAZY FOR YOU beat Ixlemm 2½l in 18-runner maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). FAWAAKEH short-head 2nd of 22 to Manhattan Sunset in nursery at Newmarket (7f, good to soft). HEVER GOLF ROSE beat Straight Arrow 1½l in 18-runner nursery at Newmarket (6f, good). LADY FAIRFAX best effort last season 2l 2nd of 6 to Bulaxie in listed race at Newmarket (7f, good to soft). LEOPARDESS 3½l 3rd of 7 to Dance To The Top in conditions race at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm) with THREATENING (4lb better off) ½l 4th.
PURSUIT OF GLORY 1¼l 3rd of 9 to King Of Naples in conditions race at Newmarket (1m, good). THREATENING best effort when beating Ballard Ring 1l in 6-runner conditions race at Haydock (7f, soft) with WHATCOMBE (2lb better off) 1l 3rd. TZU'MU beat Tabook neck in 19-runner maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to soft).
Selection: CLYDE GODDESS

3.45 QUEEN ELIZABETH HANDICAP C4

(3-Y-O: £4,921: 6f) (12 runners)

501 (8) 612142- DOLLAR GAMBLE 145 (F,G) (J Leek) R Hannon 9-7 ... Pat Eddery 93
502 (9) 1521- DARREN BOY 221 (D,F,G) (D Allport) P Cole 9-6 ... T Quinn 94
503 (11) 033540- OBVIOUS RISK 203 (Roldvale Ltd) G Lewis 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 90
504 (10) 531020- PRIMA SILK 164 (D,F) (Three Ply Racing) M Ryan 9-0 ... D Biggs 97
505 (12) 21-2115 KING RAT 7 (D,BF,G) (2nd Kingsley House Pinks) M Johnston 8-13 ... M Roberts ⊕
506 (5) 320231- TOM MORGAN 169 (S) (M White) P Walwyn 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 93
507 (4) 310- SYABAS 184 (G) (S Ooi) S Dow 8-10 ... J Reid 88
508 (2) 113510- JIMMY THE SKUNK 180 (D,F,G,S) (J David Abell) J Berry 8-9 ... G Carter 95
509 (6) 6231- TEETOTALLER 201 (D,S) (Highflyers) G Balding 7-13 ... W Carson 94
510 (3) 4401-6 PELAMIS 12 (D,G) (D Roy) P Howling 7-13 ... A Munro 97
511 (7) 02100- LADY-BO-K 193 (D,G) (Ms T McEvoy) A Hide 7-12 ... J Quinn 96
512 (1) 5113- GIPSY KID 184 (D,F,G) (Miss H Bramwall) Miss G Kelleway 7-8 ... J Lowe 93

BETTING: 7-2 King Rat, 5-1 Teetotaller, 7-1 Jimmy The Skunk, 8-1 Darren Boy, Dollar Gamble, 10-1 Gipsy Kid, 12-1 Obvious Risk, Tom Morgan, 14-1 Lady Bo-K, Prima Silk, 16-1 Syabas, 25-1 Pelamis.

1993: GARNOCK VALLEY 9-3 Pat Eddery (4-1) J Berry 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARREN BABY beat Culsyth Flyer 3l in 7-runner nursery at Pontefract (6f, good). OBVIOUS RISK 2l 4th of 8 to Royal Insignia in nursery at Newmarket (6f, good) on penultimate start with JIMMY THE SKUNK ½l 5th. PRIMA SILK 1l 2nd of 12 to Roxanian in auction nursery at Redcar (6f, good) on penultimate start. KING RAT about 3¾l 5th of 18 to Kindergarten Boy in handicap at Doncaster (7f, good). Previously beat Phonetahoic 2½l in 12-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). TOM MORGAN beat Swedish Invader 1½l in 3-runner maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to soft). SYABAS beat Mauangi 6l in 12-runner maiden auction at Thirsk (7f, good). JIMMY THE SKUNK beat Monkey Magic 1l in 9-runner nursery at Haydock (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start. TEETOTALLER beat Antiguan Sky 2½l in 7-runner nursery at Leicester (6f, good to soft).
GIPSY KID 2¼l 3rd of 13 to No Mean City in nursery at Newmarket (5f, good) with DOLLAR GAMBLE (1lb better off) head 4th.
Selection: KING RAT

4.15 BONUSPRINT EASTER STAKES C4

(Listed race: 3-Y-O colts & geldings: £13,825: 1m) (7 runners)

601 (1) 126610- ULTIMO IMPERATORE 132 (F,G) (Gerecon Italia) J Dunlop 8-12 ... W Carson ⊕
602 (3) 0140- BIG SQUEEZE 185 (G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-8 ... W Ryan 89
603 (6) 113352- BLUEGRASS PRINCE 155 (F,G) (J Hardiman) R Hannon 8-8 ... J Reid 91
604 (2) 4-1 CEDEZ LE PASSAGE 36 (D,G) (A Richards) C Brittain 8-8 ... M Roberts 87
605 (5) 112- CONCORDIAL 188 (G,S) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-8 ... Pat Eddery 94
606 (7) 11- INDHAR 188 (G,S) (Miss P Rovers) J Banks 8-8 ... J Quinn 90
607 (4) 105525- THE FLYING PHANTOM 154 (F) (P Betts Ltd) M Tompkins 8-8 ... R Cochrane 79

BETTING: 6-4 Concordial, 9-2 Indhar, 5-1 Cedez Le Passage, Ultimo Imperatore, 7-1 Bluegrass Prince, 8-1 The Flying Phantom, 14-1 Big Squeeze.

1993: RIGHT WIN 8-10 J Reid (Evens fav) R Hannon 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ULTIMO IMPERATORE beat Modi National 2l in 9-runner listed race at Doncaster (8f, good). BIG SQUEEZE 3l 4th of 5 to Polish Laughter in group II Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury (6f, good to soft). BLUEGRASS PRINCE ½l 2nd of 8 to King Of Naples in conditions race at Newmarket (1m, good).
CEDEZ LE PASSAGE beat Risky Tu 2½l in 11-runner maiden at Southwell (1m, AW). CONCORDIAL ½l 2nd of 9 to Mister Baileys in group II Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot (1m, good to soft). INDHAR beat Supitzi 1l in 9-runner conditions race at Newmarket (7f, good). THE FLYING PHANTOM best effort 2l 2nd of 8 to Barbarola in listed race at Pontefract (1m, good to soft).
Selection: CONCORDIAL (nap)

4.45 CHATSWORTH HANDICAP C4

(£4,836: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

1 (8) 302610- BLACKPATCH HILL 147 (D,G,S) (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 5-9-13 ... W Carson 92
2 (2) 6/22103- GEORGE DILLINGHAM 253 (G) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-9-11 ... W R Swinburn 92
3 (6) 410041- MIDYAN BLUE 161 (D,G,S) (K Palmer) J Eustace 4-9-8 ... B Raymond 90
4 (1) 000580- SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 161 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-5 ... M Roberts ⊕
5 (5) 12100-5 SUPREME MASTER 9 (CD,G,S) (H Hopgood) R Hannon 4-9-0 ... Pat Eddery 90
6 (3) 12310/0- STATAJACK 16J (D,G,S) (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 6-8-13 ... T Quinn –
7 (4) 21/3341- PRIDE OF BRITAIN 287 (D,G,S) (Pride of Britain Ltd) L Cottrell 5-8-10 ... D Holland 86
8 (7) 0/3066-4 PENNINE LAD 7 (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 4-7-11 ... J Lowe 88

BETTING: 3-1 Seasonal Splendour, 4-1 Supreme Master, 5-1 Blackpatch Hill, George Dillingham, 11-2 Midyan Blue, Statajack, 7-1 Pennine Lad, 12-1 Pride Of Britain.

1993: NIGHT CLUBBING 4-8-9 T Quinn (5-1) R Akehurst 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLACKPATCH HILL beat Vibracox 1½l in 10-runner conditions race at Duindigt, Holland (1m 2f 110y, heavy) on penultimate start. GEORGE DILLINGHAM 3¼l 3rd of 15 to Moscow Sea in handicap at Ascot (1m 2f, good) with MIDYAN BLUE (9lb worse off) 3l 9th. MIDYAN BLUE beat Warm Spell 3½l in 21-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good to soft) with SUPREME MASTER (9lb better off) 20½l 12th, SEASONAL SPLENDOUR (1lb worse off) 16l 17th and STATAJACK (10lb better off) short-head 18th. SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 2l 3rd of 21 to Derab in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to soft). PRIDE OF BRITAIN beat Brandon Prince 2½l in 18-runner handicap at Ascot (2m, soft).
Selection: SEASONAL SPLENDOUR

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	10	50	20.0	Pat Eddery	37	185	20.0
G Wragg	6	33	18.2	L Piggott	6	35	17.1
M Haynes	6	35	17.1	A Munro	20	126	15.9
M Stoute	11	66	16.7	D Holland	7	48	14.6
J Fanshawe	7	42	16.7	W Ryan	7	51	13.7
J Gosden	14	88	15.9	W Carson	25	193	13.5

□ Walter Swinburn takes two good mounts at Mulheim, Germany, tomorrow. He rides Maktoum Al-Maktoum's Latubaali, trained by Bruno Schutz, in the listed £9,339 Orakal der Dreijahrigen over a mile, and partners Royal Abjar, reported to be one of the top prospects in Andreas Wohler's stable, in the Preis von Broich for three-year-old maidens.

Darren Boy has favourable draw to capture sprint



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

HAYDOCK
BBC1

1.30: Lord High Admiral is nicely handicapped but is best over the minimum trip and usually needs his first run. Domicksky had a fitness advantage at Doncaster last week but was unable to peg back Sagebrush Roller. A 7lb pull will help but **Garnock Valley**, who finished a good third under top weight that day, enjoys a similar weight advantage. Jack Berry's colt ran in top sprint handicap company last year and should be up to taking this.

2.00: Jack Button has won five times at Haydock over this trip and everything looks in his favour to make it six. Brandon Prince always needs a run or two, while Star Player is ungenuine. Flakey Dove, the Champion Hurdle winner, will love the ground but needs to step up on her previous Flat best.

2.30: Bid For Blue enjoys a possible fitness advantage having run at the Lincoln meeting, but **Great Deeds**, from the in-form Mick Channon yard, twice got the better of Richard Hannon's filly last term, is better off at the weights today and won first time out last year. The progressive Palacegate Jack is the danger.

KEMPTON
C4

3.15: Tzu'Mu can justify strong stable confidence. Geoff Wragg's runner is sure to appreciate the step up to a mile having needed every yard of six furlongs to win a hot Newmarket maiden last October. The Most Welcome filly recorded a fast time that day and is a 1,000 Guineas hopeful. Braari, well regarded by Barry Hills, heads the dangers.

3.45: With the starting stalls on the far side of the sprint course, a high draw is essential. **Darren Boy** looks handily treated having improved with every run last year, culminating in an authoritative nursery success at Pontefract. All his runs, including a creditable effort behind Classic Sky and Mister Baileys, were on good or fast ground but his breeding suggests he should enjoy softer going. If King Rat can reproduce the level of form shown on the all-weather he would be a serious danger. Willie Carson is an interesting booking for the decently handicapped Teetotaller.

4.15: Concordial's form is outstanding having won the best Newmarket maiden of the 1993 season (Nicolotte, Overbury and King's Theatre behind), beaten Grand Lodge five lengths and then narrowly going down to Mister Baileys. That Ascot defeat was on softish ground and the son of Nureyev would almost certainly prefer faster conditions. Given the ground and his likely cramped odds, **Indhar** appeals as a value alternative. The Jack Banks-trained Houghton Stakes winner has been working particularly well at home.

4.45: *Supreme Master* made a pleasing reappearance at Doncaster and, with Pat Eddery taking over from an apprentice, he can oblige. Richard Hannon's runner likes this track and the likely strong pace should be ideal. Statajack, fit from hurdling, is 1lb lower than when winning on the Flat two season ago and has trip and ground in his favour, while George Dillingham should appreciate the step up in distance.

RICHARD EVANS

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DARREN BOY
(3.45 Kempton Park)

Next best: Supreme Master
(4.45 Kempton Park)

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

1.30 Domicksky
2.00 Jack Button
2.30 Great Deeds
3.00 Brandon Court
3.30 Pen Point
4.00 Danish Connection

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 JACK BUTTON (nap).

GOING: SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.30 NEIL WATSON HANDICAP BBC1

(£4,796: 6f) (10 runners)

1 (1) 222230- SHEILA'S SECRET 184 (G,S) (Sherwoods Transport Ltd) T Mills 4-10-0 ... K Darley 96
2 (2) 100043- NEW CAPRICORN 163 (D,F,G,S) (K Brattie) M Jarvis 4-9-11 ... P Robinson 95
3 (4) 03008-3 GARNOCK VALLEY 8 (D,F,S) (R Aird) J Berry 4-9-10 ... J Carroll 97
4 (7) 00010-1 SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 8 (D,F,S) (A Collins) J Watts 6-9-8 ... G Duffield 97
5 (5) 010001- LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 147 (C,F,G,S) (E Young) M Heaton-Ellis 6-9-6 ... R Perham 95
6 (8) 422-054 DOMICKSKY 8 (C,D,F,G,S) (M Watson) M Channon 6-8-10 ... R Painter (7) 95
7 (10) 400032- BLUE TOPAZE 150 (D,F,G,S) (Blue Mountain Pts) M Saunders 6-8-7 ... L Dettori 97
8 (3) 146500- SHARP PROSPECT 149 (D,S) (Pendley Associates) P Harris 4-8-6 ... M Birch 98
9 (6) 000/00-0 THE OLD CHAPEL 8 (D,S) (D Allen) B McMahon 5-7-13 ... A Mackay –
10 (9) 0-44126 BOLD STREET 56 (B,D,BF,G) (Codan Ltd) A Bailey 4-7-7 ... D Wright (5) ⊕

Long handicap: Bold Street 7-6.

BETTING: 3-1 Sagebrush Roller, 4-1 Garnock Valley, 11-2 Domicksky, 7-1 Lord High Admiral, 8-1 Sharp Prospect, Blue Topaze, 10-1 New Capricorn, 14-1 Bold Street, 20-1 Sheila's Secret, The Old Chapel.

1993: SIR HARRY HARDMAN 5-8-10 B Raymond (4-1) F Lee 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

NEW CAPRICORN was a 2l 3rd of 13 to Branston Abby in a handicap at Newbury (6f, good to soft). SAGEBRUSH ROLLER beat Ashgore 1½l in a 16-runner handicap at Doncaster (6f, good to firm) with GARNOCK VALLEY (7lb better off) 1l 3rd, DOMICKSKY (7lb better off) 1¼l 4th and THE OLD CHAPEL (10lb better off) 4½l 11th.
LORD HIGH ADMIRAL beat DOMICKSKY (6lb better off) 3l in a 22-runner handicap at Doncaster (5f, good). DOMICKSKY best effort head 2nd of 21 to Educated Pet in a handicap at Doncaster (6f, good) with SHARP PROSPECT (5lb better off) 6l 8th. BLUE TOPAZE was a ½l 2nd of 19 to Champagne Grandy in a handicap at Bath (5f 161yd, good).
Selection: SAGEBRUSH ROLLER.

2.00 CHEADLE HULME CONDITIONS STAKES BBC1

(£6,367: 2m 45yd) (4 runners)

1 (4) 623110- BRANDON PRINCE 95J (B,D,F,G,S) (R Michaelson) I Balding 6-10-0 ... L Dettori 92
2 (2) 232020- JACK BUTTON 147 (CD,F,G,S) (A and B Racing) Bob Jones 5-9-11 ... N Connorton ⊕
3 (3) 366332- STAR PLAYER 105J (D,F,G) (P Smith) R Baker 8-9-0 ... J Weaver 98
4 (1) 0/401- FLAKEY DOVE 18J (S) (J Price) R Price 8-8-11 ... T Sprake 82

BETTING: 13-8 Jack Button, 2-1 Flakey Dove, 7-2 Brandon Prince, 11-2 Star Player.

1993: JACK BUTTON 4-8-10 N Day (10-11 fav) Bob Jones 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRANDON PRINCE best effort beat Ashsaytad 2l in a 7-runner handicap at Ayr (1m 7f, good). Earlier beat Kaiser Wilhelm 1½l in a 4-runner listed handicap at York (2m, good to firm). JACK BUTTON 2¼l 2nd of 4 to Allegan in a conditions race at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. STAR PLAYER ½l 2nd of 13 to Bardolph in a handicap at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good) with JACK BUTTON (7lb better off) 8l 7th. FLAKEY DOVE beat Spring Marathon 2l in a 14-runner maiden at Nottingham (1m 6f, soft). Earlier 7½l 4th of 5 to Allegan in a conditions race over same course and distance (good).
Selection: JACK BUTTON

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Bob Jones	5	14	35.7	L Dettori	20	89	22.5
R Charlton	8	34	23.5	N Connorton	4	33	12.1
R Hannon	13	72	18.1	G Duffield	8	67	11.9
M Jarvis	5	39	12.8	J Carroll	17	146	11.6
J Berry	17	164	10.4	M Birch	10	92	10.9
Only qualifiers				J Weaver	4	37	10.8

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.30 FIELD MARSHAL RUTH DARLING STAKES BBC1

(Listed Race: 3-Y-O: £10,065: 5f) (5 runners)

1 (4) 01333-3 BID FOR BLUE 7 (D,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 9-1 ... L Dettori 93
2 (1) 311115- PALACEGATE JACK 161 (D,F,S) (Palacegate Corporation Ltd) J Berry 9-1 ... J Carroll 94
3 (5) 134423- GREAT DEEDS 161 (D,F,S) (S Manglarani) M Channon 8-6 ... G Duffield ⊕
4 (3) 01- MISS PROVIDER 16 (G) (Park Racing Syndicate) T Stack (Ire) 8-6 ... S Craine 89
5 (2) 510011- ROYALE FIGURINE 148 (D,G,S) (C Pearson) M Fetherston-Godley 8-6 ... J Weaver 90

BETTING: 9-4 Great Deeds, 5-2 Bid For Blue, 3-1 Palacegate Jack, 6-1 Miss Provider, Royale Figurine.

1993: SEA GAZER 8-11 K Darley (13-2) T Barron 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BID FOR BLUE ¾l 3rd of 12 to Amron in a listed race at Doncaster (6f, good). Similar effort 3l 3rd of 26 to Cape Merino in an auction race at Redcar (6f, soft) last season. PALACEGATE JACK beat Nightitude ½l in a 4-runner listed race at York (6f, heavy) on penultimate start. Earlier beat Pinkerton's Pal neck in a 6-runner listed race at Ayr (5f, good to firm) with BID FOR BLUE head 3rd. GREAT DEEDS 2½l 3rd of 8 to Ultimo Imperatore in a listed race at Doncaster (6f, good) with PALACEGATE JACK (1lb worse off) 7l 5th. Earlier neck 2nd of 8 to Imperial Bailiwick in group II Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster (5f, good to soft). ROYALE FIGURINE beat Billy Crunchem 1½l in a 9-runner nursery at Doncaster (5f, good).
Selection: GREAT DEEDS

3.00 HOLIDAY CLUB PONTINS HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £5,443: 1m 2f 120yd) (5 runners)

1 (2) 0214- RAGSAT AL OMOR 169 (F) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 9-7 ... P Robinson 90
2 (3) 46105-4 ALPINE SKIER 9 (S) (P Savill) R Hannon 9-5 ... K Darley 90
3 (5) 453- BRANDON COURT 180 (R Michaelson) I Balding 9-1 ... L Dettori 98
4 (4) 311121 SURPRISE GUEST 9 (D,G) (M Doyle) M Johnston 8-10 ... J Weaver 97
5 (1) 02023-0 WINN'S PRIDE 69 (Mrs W L Bailey) R Hollinshead 8-5 ... S Parks ⊕

BETTING: 6-4 Surprise Guest, 100-30 Ragsat Al Omor, 4-1 Alpine Skier, 9-2 Brandon Court, 10-1 Winn's Pride.

1993: PERSIAN BRAVE 9-5 M Hills (10-1) M Bell 10 ran

3.30 MATTHEW PEACOCK MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £3,552: 7f 30yd) (6 runners)

1 (3) 2- MADLY SHARP 243 (Lord Swaythling) J Watts 9-0 ... G Duffield ⊕
2 (2) 0- POWER SHARE 224 (D Buckley) R Whitaker 9-0 ... Dale Gibson –
3 (1) 3430- SKY DIVER 186 (P Savill) M H Easterby 9-0 ... K Darley 89
4 (4) 5400- BUSTLE'EM 154 (A Smith) W Elsey 8-9 ... J Carroll 90
5 (6) CHILDHOOD (Mrs M Olden) J Spearing 8-9 ... A Mackay –
6 (5) PEN POINT (Saeed Abdullah Humaid) R Charlton 8-9 ... L Dettori –

BETTING: 6-4 Pen Point, 100-30 Madly Sharp, 4-1 Bustle'em, 11-2 Sky Diver, 12-1 Childhood, 14-1 Power Share.

1993: RIVER LIFE 9-0 C Rutter (4-1) P Cole 7 ran

4.00 ROSTHERNE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,803: 5f) (8 runners)

1 (7) SPRINGBORNE LAD (M Channon) M Channon 8-8 ... G Duffield –
2 (2) SWAN AT WHALLEY (H Barlow) J Berry 8-8 ... J Carroll –
3 (4) DANISH CONNECTION (The Winning Team) R Hannon 8-7 ... L Dettori –
4 (5) BELMONT BUCCANEER (P White) K Hogg 8-5 ... Dean McKeown –
5 (8) TRUMBLE (B Pocock) C Thornton 8-5 ... J Fanning –
6 (3) BENJARONG (A Penman) M Johnston 8-3 ... J Weaver –
7 (6) 0 GREENWICH AGAIN 7 (J Humphreys Ltd) T Mills 8-2 ... K Darley –
8 (1) 6 NUTCRACKER SUITE 7 (P Lawton) R Hollinshead 7-13 ... A Garth (5) –

BETTING: 5-2 Springborne Lad, 3-1 Danish Connection, 100-30 Swan At Whalley, 5-1 Benjarong, 10-1 others.

1993: MOSCOW ROAD 9-0 A McGlone (6-1) R Hannon 10 ran

Entry error by Curley

BARNEY Curley is in danger of a fine after mistakenly declaring Moynsha House at Uttoxeter today. The six-year-old would be running under the influence of a prohibited substance if allowed to take his chance in the Raynesway Park Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

Curley had not intended running Moynsha House, but changed his mind when only three horses stood their ground at the overnight declaration stage and he was offered the opportunity to re-enter.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

7.00 Well And Truly. 7.30 Samson-Agonistes. 8.00 Jon's Choice. *8.30 Conic Hill. 9.00 Greek Night Out.* 9.30 Hit The Canvas.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.30 Conic Hill.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

7.00 BUSHBURY HANDICAP

(£2,243: 2m 46yd) (13 runners)

1 /436 AMBUSCADE 8 (S) E Alston 8-9-13 ... K Fallon 2
2 000- MY ROSSINI 24J (F) P Bevan 5-9-7 ... C Hawksley (5) 12
3 0101 QUALITAIR AVIATOR 12 (D,F,G) J Bottomley 8-9-6 ... G Bardwell 11
4 -444 RAGTIME SONG 25 (D,F,G) A Moore 5-9-5 ... N Adams 4
5 5-43 IBSEN 67 (D,BF,G,S) R Akehurst 6-9-4 ... L Carter (7) 1
6 2042 WARREN STREET 14 Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-1 ... K Darley 6
7 3423 WELL AND TRULY 14 (G) B McMahon 7-8-11 ... L Dettori 9
8 3300 SWORDKING 9 (V) J Harris 5-8-10 ... Paul Eddery 7
9 /0-4 FEELING FOOLISH 12 (G) B Forsey 5-8-7 ... D Wright (5) 13
10 40/0 CRAB 'N LOBSTER 14 B Preece 4-8-3 ... S Sanders (5) 8
11 5/0- DODGER DICKINS 101J (F,S) R Hollinshead 7-8-2 ... D Denby (7) 5
12 010- RIMOUSKI 11J (S) B Cambidge 6-8-1 ... D Harrison 3
13 6-00 BILBERRY 10 (G) S Coathup 5-7-11 ... Stephen Davies (3) 10

5-2 Qualitair Aviator, 5-1 Warren Street, 6-1 Ibsen, 7-1 Well And Truly, 10-1 Ambuscade, Rimouski, Feeling Foolish, 14-1 others.

7.30 PERTON CLAIMING STAKES (£2,243: 5f) (4)

1 50-5 PLAIN FACT 14 (CD,F,G,S) J Hills 9-9-10 ... Paul Eddery 2
2 2140 SAMSON-AGONISTES 7 (CD,F,G,S) P Evans 8-9-10 ... S Sanders (5) 1
3 0115 VERY DICEY 14 (CD,F,G) J Berry 6-9-6 ... Ruth Coulter (7) 3
4 2221 NORDICO PRINCESS 16 (G) J Pickering 3-8-7 ... D Holland 4

7-4 Samson-Agonistes, 5-2 Very Dicey, 11-4 Plain Fact, 7-2 Nordico Princess.

8.00 PORTOBELLO HANDICAP (£3,623: 6f) (10)

1 3606 INVOCATION 28 (G) A Moore 7-10-0 ... N Adams 2
2 3130 JON'S CHOICE 7 (C,G) B Preece 6-9-4 ... T Wall 5
3 1452 SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 14 (B,CD,BF,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-9-2 ... L Dettori 7
4 25-0 MISS WHITTINGHAM 29 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 4-8-12 ... J Carroll 10
5 6314 FARMER JOCK 10 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 12-8-11 ... A Clark 6
6 1441 MILOS 7 (D,G) T Naughton 3-8-10 ... Stephen Davies (3) 9
7 0022 SAMOT 7 (V) C Bread 4-8-10 ... J Weaver 3
8 2422 LADY ROXANNE 16 (V) Lord Huntingdon 5-8-5 ... D Harrison 1
9 43-0 EVER SO LONELY 14 (F,S) A Bailey 5-7-12 ... D Wright (5) 4
10 4040 NORTHERN STORM 10 (G) R Emery 3-7-7 ... J Lowe 8

4-1 Simmie's Special, 5-1 Lady Roxanne, 6-1 Invocation, Miss Whittingham, Milos, Samot, 8-1 others.

8.30 BILSTON HANDICAP (£5,952: 1m 100yd) (13)

1 2-10 MAHOOL 7 (C,BF,F,G) A Scott 5-10-0 ... J Tate (5) 7
2 1135 MAROWINS 26 (CD,G) E Alston 5-9-1 ... J Quinn 4
3 0621 CAN CAN CHARLIE 10 (D,G) M Johnston 4-9-0 ... J Weaver 12
4 3020 MAPLE BAY 28 (C,G) K White 5-9-0 ... J Williams 10
5 -426 STALLED 259 P Walwyn 4-8-12 ... Paul Eddery 11
6 0020 EASTLEIGH 8 (D,G,S) R Hollinshead 5-8-11 ... S Perks 1
7 005- CONIC HILL 182 G Wragg 3-8-9 ... F Norton 6
8 143- MASTER BEVELED 96 (D,G) P Evans 4-8-8 ... S Sanders (5) 13
9 -264 GALLANT JACK 33 (D,G) D Haydn Jones 5-8-6 ... A Mackay 3
10 -130 SCOTTISH PARK 29 (CD,F,G) R Emery 5-8-2 ... T Williams 8
11 /00- PURE MADNESS 180 (B) J Scargill 4-7-9 ... J Fanning 2
12 2340 HAWAYMYSON 12 T George 4-7-8 ... N Carlisle 5
13 60/0 IVAN THE TERRIBLE 14 (G) Miss S Wilton 6-7-7 ... J Lowe 9

9-2 Mahool, 5-1 Stalled, 6-1 Can Can Charlie, Master Beveled, 7-1 Marowins, Maple Bay, 8-1 Conic Hill, 12-1 others.

9.00 SEISDON CLAIMING STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,769: 1m 1f 79yd) (7)

1 20 ANOTHERONEFORJAYBE 36 P Evans 8-8 ... Paul Eddery 5
2 060- REAL POPCORN 194 K McAuliffe 8-7 ... C Rutter 2
3 035- OUT OF FAVOUR 255 Mrs M Reveley 8-6 ... K Darley 4
4 -503 GREEK NIGHT OUT 29 (B) Mrs N Macauley 8-5 ... A Munro 7
5 3-00 MRS BIZZYBODY 7 T Naughton 8-3 ... V Halliday (7) 1
6 6255 SKELTON PRINCESS 38 R Hollinshead 8-1 ... A Garth (5) 6
7 36- PRECISION EDGE 348 R Fisher 7-9 ... J Lowe 3

2-1 Anotheroneforjaybe, 5-2 Out Of Favour, 3-1 Skelton Princess, 10-1 Greek Night Out, 12-1 Precision Edge, 14-1 Mrs Bizzybody, 20-1 Real Popcorn.

9.30 TRESCOTT MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,743: 1m 4f) (6)

1 40- BACCANALIA 330 R Fisher 9-0 ... J Lowe 4
2 22 BARTI-DDU 29 S Williams 9-0 ... L Dettori 1
3 34-2 HIT THE CANVAS 14 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 9-0 ... K Darley 5
4 00- MY RORE 182 P Bevan 8-9 ... C Hawksley (5) 6
5 006- NUIN-TARA 186 Mrs A Knight 8-9 ... J Weaver 2
6 6-26 RISKY TU 28 P Kelleway 8-9 ... Paul Eddery 3

Evens Hit The Canvas, 9-4 Barti-Ddu, 7-2 Risky Tu, 16-1 Baccanalia, Nuin-Tara, 25-1 My Rore.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Johnston, 9 winners from 21 runners, 42.9%; Lord Huntingdon, 7 from 21, 33.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 3 from 19, 15.8%; J L Harris, 3 from 20, 15.0%; J Berry, 4 from 31, 12.9%; R Hollinshead, 8 from 65, 12.3%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 17 winners from 57 rides, 29.8%; L Dettori, 13 from 72, 18.1%; K Darley, 7 from 44, 15.9%; A Clark, 4 from 28, 14.3%; J Williams, 6 from 43, 14%; G Bardwell, 4 from 30, 13.3%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Wolverhampton: 8.30 Pure Madness.

RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Newcastle (first race 2.25), Nottingham (2.20), Warwick (2.05), Kempton Park (2.10), Carlisle (2.20), Chepstow (2.00), Fakenham (2.30), Hereford (2.30), Huntingdon (2.00), Market Rasen (2.15), Newton Abbot (2.15), Plumpton (2.30), Towcester (2.15), Uttoxeter (2.15), Wetherby (2.20), Wincanton (2.00).
TUESDAY: *Newcastle* (2.25), Chepstow (2.15), Wetherby (2.05).
WEDNESDAY: Ripon (2.25), Ascot (1.55), Ludlow (2.15).
THURSDAY: Brighton (2.15), Leicester (2.25), Aintree (2.00).
FRIDAY: Beverley (2.20), Lingfield Park (2.15), Aintree (2.00).
SATURDAY: Beverley (1.00), Aintree (1.45), Hereford (2.10).
Flat meetings in bold

RAPID RACELINE
FULL RESULTS SERVICE
0891-168-168
0891 168+ / BEFORE THE OFF / STARTERS / RESULTS

KEMPTON	101	201	301
HAYDOCK	102	202	302
CARLISLE	103	203	303
N. ABBOT	104	204	304
PLUMPTON	105	205	305
TOWCESTER	106	206	306
UTTOXETER	107	207	307
W'HAMPTON	108	208	308
IRISH	120	220	320

Ladbrokes
RACING SERVICE
0891 222 + LIVE / COMMENTARIES / RESULTS

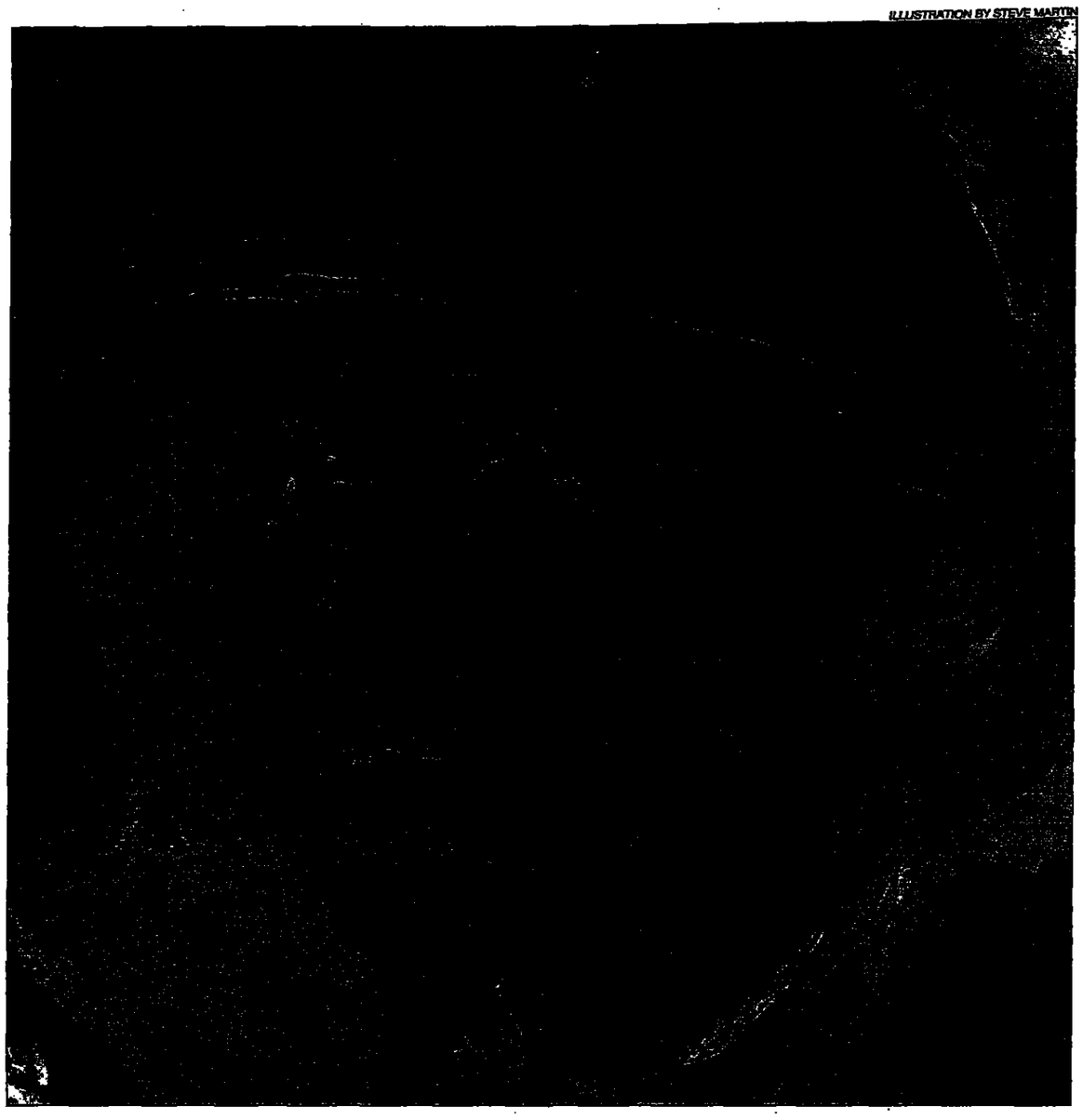
ALL TRACKS	111	123
KEMPTON	101	201
HAYDOCK	102	202
CARLISLE	103	203
UTTOXETER	104	204
N' ABBOT	105	205
PLUMPTON	106	206
TOWCESTER		207
W'HAMPTON	106	208

Calls cost 36p/min cheap, 48p/min other times. HA7 7JW

Saturday Portrait: Laura Davies by Patricia Davies

Blonde having fun leaves opposition struggling to keep up

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN



It was the Tuesday of tournament week and the practice ground was buzzing, with golfers preparing themselves for the off on Thursday. Someone asked if Laura Davies had arrived yet. "Oh come on," was the answer, the derision obvious. "You should know better than that. It's Tuesday. Laura's probably playing tennis."

Or perhaps cricket. Last year, just before an event in Phoenix, Arizona, Davies hurt her wrist in a game of car-park cricket and subsequently missed the cut. This year, limbs more or less intact, she won the tournament.

The cricket has not been shelved and the tennis is still flourishing but there are more visits to the practice ground than there once were and they are having an effect. This week, Davies, for long the biggest hitter in women's golf, moved to the head of the Ping rankings to become the world No 1 for the first time.

She has won three of her last eight tournaments — in Australia, Thailand and America — to bring her total of victories since turning professional in 1985 to 27 — "I remember every one," she says. She heads the United States money list with $218,220 (around £147,000) and has passed the $1 million mark in career earnings on the Ladies' Professional Golf Association (LPGA) tour. The girl has done well. But has she done as well as she might have done, especially when she claims winning is the motivation, not the money?

The Davies approach to golf is not, for example, the Nicklaus way. When Nicklaus was Fat Jack, out-hitting his rivals by miles, he mangled them. By the time he was 30, he had won seven major championships. Davies, who was 30 last October, has won one — the US Open of 1987. She likes shopping, gambling, playing games, driving fast cars and indulging her family and friends at least as much as golf.

Born in Coventry but bred in Surrey, in golfing terms at least — the family spent a few years in Marietta, Georgia, where her father David still lives — Davies made the Curtis Cup team in 1984 but generally was perceived as a big, blonde bombshell who hit the ball a long way but not often enough in the right direction.

In 1985, she borrowed some money from her mother Rita — her parents had divorced — and turned professional, more than justifying the loan, which she paid back pronto, by winning over £21,000 and topping the money list. It beat working in the supermarket or the bookie's and was an early rebuttal of her headmaster's claim that she would never make any money out of golf.

Davies, while competitive, was also naturally diffident — legend has it she would finish second as an amateur rather than make the winning speech — but she could not help but attract attention. Big, strong girls are not uncommon — Davies is 5ft 10in and her weight is not a matter for discussion unless she is in the process of shedding a few stone — but not too many of them can hit a golf ball into the stratosphere. Davies, who has a wind-assisted effort of 350-odd yards to her credit this year, makes heads turn and she has become a consummate entertainer, developing a great rapport with her galleries.

> **'She likes shopping, gambling, playing games and driving fast cars at least as much as golf'**

She has a great gambling instinct — she adores Las Vegas and will lay you odds, shrewdly calculated, on anything — and loves going for her shots. "I'll take a few sevens along the way," she said recently, "because I'll end up with enough eagles and birdies to justify the risk." It is the ideal way to approach matchplay, a form of the game Davies has always claimed to hate but which, she admitted, provided her with her biggest thrill in golf, ahead of her victories in the British Open of 1986 and the US Open.

The Solheim Cup match at Dalmahoy two years ago was Davies's finest hour. Playing at the peak of her considerable powers, she won all three of her matches as she inspired an underrated European side to a mesmerising win over the Americans by 11½ points to 6½.

"If she played like that every week on our tour, she'd win six times a year and make millions of dollars," Jim Webb, deputy commissioner of the LPGA, said. Davies said: "I'd be in the loony bin," a response that could be construed as being healthy and well-balanced or a cop-out.

Modesty is all very well — Mark Fulcher, her caddie, is facing the sack partly for being too fulsome in his praise — but the Davies talent is immense and she must be ready to admit it. It is given to few to hit the ball so far and to possess such a natural feel for the game — her ability to manufacture shots, without being able to explain how she does it, is unsurpassed.

Looking at it logically, she starts most tournaments 16 under par because she can reach most par fives in two and most courses have four of them. She uses her driver sparingly — just four times in the final round in Phoenix — and justifies it by saying it keeps her out of trouble. Strategy has its place — it is a welcome sign of a growing maturity — but keeping the driver in the bag allows the opposition to stay within range. Nancy Lopez, winner of 47 tournaments and no slouch in the hitting stakes, commented: "If Laura hit her driver straight all the time, we'd have a tough time beating her."

In short, Davies could be annihilating the opposition. That she is not is largely because of her own stubbornness — a quality no champion, however affable, ever lacks. Davies is from the "never had a lesson in me life, guv" school of golf. She will learn from watching others but if she ever passes her evenings watching herself on video, it is a closely guarded secret. Paralysis by over-analysis is a common sporting phenomenon but no analysis is no good, either.

Probably the biggest disappointment of Davies's career was the way, last Sunday, she lost the Nabisco Dinah Shore, the first of the women's majors this year, by making a pig's ear of the par five 18th at Mission Hills and taking six, going from one shot ahead of Donna Andrews to one shot behind. Davies had reached the green in two a couple of times during the week but decided she had no chance of carrying the water with the breeze against. She hit a dreadful four-iron off the tee and struggled from there on.

When the hole was replayed on television, Judy Rankin, a former winner of the event and, now, a respected analyst, pointed out that Davies launched herself at the ball so hard that her feet were sliding around alarmingly at impact, destabilising her whole swing. It is a tendency Greg Norman has eradicated from his game but Davies may or may not think it worthy of her attention.

She does sometimes listen to those she respects, however. Gary Player's advice persuaded her to give up sugar-filled Cokes for the diet stuff and, a couple of years ago, when JoAnne Carner, captain of the US Solheim Cup team this year, said she would be more likely to see Davies at the casino than at the practice ground, Davies was to be spotted hitting balls more often.

Carner also commented that you did not win major championships without using a driver. If Davies eventually heeds that advice, she might be No 1 for a long time. After all, even Nicklaus improved after reaching 30; that was when he won the majority of his 18 major titles.

Obree sees off early challenge to win title

By Peter Bryan

GRAEME Obree, from Scotland, the world pursuit champion and record-holder, lived up to the expectations of the biggest crowd in recent years for the traditional opening meeting of the cycling track season at Herne Hill, south London, yesterday.

However, for a while it looked as if he would be eliminated on the opening lap of the eight-man pursuit event, raced for a scheduled ten minutes.

The riders were spaced at 56 metres apart around the 450-metre track with Nick Griffin, a previous winner, immediately behind the world champion.

Obree, using his home-made and high-geared bike, was caught unawares by the starter's gun and lost at least a second. Griffin came up fast and was almost on Obree's rear wheel and within inches of eliminating him.

Still getting into his rhythm, Obree was forced to sprint and went clear to stay in the lead throughout, beating Rob Hayles, the British one-kilometre champion, by 50 metres and Chris Ball, a time-trial specialist, by 100 metres with a final distance of 7.65 kilometres. Earlier, the Scot finished fourth in the points race, won by Tony Doyle, which he used as a warm-up ride for the pursuit.

Michael Hubner, the German who won a silver medal at the world sprint championship last year and has recently returned from racing in Australia, held off a late challenge by Denis Lemyre, of France, in the 500 metres sprint final to retain his title.

The French amateur, who had finished second to the German in the qualifying 200 metres time-trial, attempted to get round his rival on the last banking but Hubner, with plenty in reserve, was able to raise his arm in victory before crossing the line to record a time of 11.584sec for the final 200 metres.

Stewart Brydon, of Britain, the sprint and kierin champion, won the ride-off for third place from Paul McHugh, the professional rider.

Water brings double-figure grief to Daly

From John Hopkins
Golf Correspondent
in New Orleans

WE ALREADY know that John Daly was once an alcoholic, is a prodigious hitter and the most popular figure in the world of golf. To an enormous treasure trove of Daly lore must now be added "The Day He Took A Twelve", in the manner of a Bateman cartoon. The Daly Dozen you might say.

Daly's attention was beginning to wander when he reached the 15th tee, his sixth, in the second round of the Freeport McMoRan Classic at English Turn in New Orleans yesterday.

After a 73 in the first round, he had squandered two more strokes and was probably thinking about missing the halfway cut and changing his plane reservations to Augusta, where he will compete in his third US Masters next week.

If he wasn't at the start of the hole, then he certainly was at the end. He was three over par on the tee and ten over by the time he walked off the green. His partners, Mike Standly, the defending champion, and Nick Faldo, must have wondered what on earth was going on.

Daly, who burst on to the world of golf with a stunning victory in the 1991 USPGA Championship, has packed a lot into the subsequent thirty months he has spent as a popular and admired figure in the eyes of the golfing public.

After drink and marital problems, Daly's latest brush with publicity came last November. He walked out of a tournament in Hawaii and was suspended indefinitely.

The suspension was lifted in time for Daly to compete in a tournament in Fort Lauderdale in Florida last month. The rest had done him good. He finished fourth there and 21st the week after. At The Players' Championship last week, however, Daly took an 80 in his second round and missed the cut comfortably.

The 15th at English Turn, like so many holes on this Jack Nicklaus-designed course, has water down the right-hand side of the hole, threatening every yard of the fairway.

The green is surrounded on three sides by water and to play to it from the fairway it is necessary to cross this water. The hole measures some 542 yards in length, but long hitters such as Daly can reach it in two strokes.

Daly was determined to go for it. Challenges such as the one presented by this hole are meat and drink to him. His first tee shot flew right and ended in the water. His second stayed on dry land, which meant that he was aiming for the green with his fourth shot. However this ended in the water, so did his next and so did his next. He would not give up.

When he gets an idea into his head, there is little anyone can do to dissuade him and he would have stayed out there until dark if that was what was necessary for him to reach the green. Finally, his tenth stroke landed in a greenside bunker from where he got down in a chip and a putt.

There was a suggestion made that since yesterday was April 1 someone was playing a prank. Wherever you went you heard a buzz that spread around like wildfire: "Daly's taken a 12." But it proved only too true.

Faldo meanwhile moved from his overnight position of level par, nine strokes behind the leader José María Olazábal, to an outward half of 37, one over par.

He looked unsettled with himself, frequently shaking his head after a shot as if things were happening that were not meant to be happening. He got back to level par with a birdie on the par three third hole, his 12th, only to drop a shot again at the fifth.

Barry Lane, playing in only his third tournament in the United States, was certain to miss the cut. He had been six over par overnight and slumped to eight over after 17 holes of his second round. Lane will now make tracks for Augusta to practice for his first US Masters.

ANDREW J COHOON



Olazábal, the first-round leader, splashes out of a bunker at the 18th on his way to scoring 63, a course record

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 63: J M Olazábal (Sp). 67: S Torrance (GB). 68: J Rassett, M Standly, 69: T Simpson, K Perry, S Lamontagne, E Els (SA), D Crenshaw, W Levi. 70: L Rinker, R Cochran, R Lohr, R Clampett, J Edwards, J Furyk.

☐ Fred Couples, who won the Masters in 1992, has withdrawn from next week's event because of a herniated disc. The injury will not require surgery but he will be out of action for six to eight weeks.

Couples joins other notable absentees in Paul Azinger, who is being treated for cancer, and Phil Mickelson who broke a leg in a skiing accident.

Johnson's know-how inspires Leicester

By Alix Ramsay

IT MAY have taken an all-out team effort to qualify but, in the end, it was individual experience that made the difference as Leicester won their opening match in the European Cup Winners' Cup by beating Portadown 2-0 in Cardiff yesterday.

Having waited so long to reach European competition, Leicester looked less than settled as they began in a windswept National Institute for Sport. With Cardiff and Bayer Leverkusen still to come in their group matches, Leicester knew they had to start well to stand a chance of a medal — and from the start the nerves were showing.

But Kathy Johnson, the England and Great Britain defender and one of Leicester's trump cards for the tournament, eventually managed to put her colleagues' minds at rest, scoring the first goal just before half-time. From a penalty corner, she followed in, dug the ball out from the keeper's legs and cracked in the shot.

Relieved that they were finally off the mark, Leicester found a new lease of life in the second half as they went in search of more goals. Within six minutes of the restart they were 2-0 up — Sue Holwell's thundering shot from a penalty corner came back to Lucy Cope, on the edge of the circle, and she made no mistake.

They could have scored a handful more, Justine Williams and Sarah Blanks both having their chances. But, more worrying, Leicester were almost caught on the break several times when their defence disintegrated to allow Portadown within sight of the goal.

Leicester now sit level with the favourites, Leverkusen, in their group after the German side beat Cardiff 3-1. Melanie Cremer put Leverkusen ahead before half-time only for Marita Williams to bring Cardiff back into contention after the break. But the Germans proved too strong, two goals in eight minutes from Nicole Spekat and Ilhem Merabet being the decisive factors.

Price plays it straight to steal Gilford's comic show

From Mel Webb
in Lyons

RATHER like a publicity-shunning pools-winner, David Gilford would rather remain anonymous. About the last thing anybody would ever accuse him of is flamboyance, but there was more than a hint of it yesterday when he produced a sequence of scoring in the first round of the Lyons Open that varied in style and content from high skill to low farce.

Gilford had a round of 70 to trail one of his partners, Phillip Price, by three shots, but for a spell in the second half of their round he played golf that was pure Eric Morecambe compared with the Ernie Wise straight man who was quietly going about the business of taking the lead alongside him.

The group started from the 10th, and Gilford, having turned in 36 to Price's 34 in high winds and heavy rain, birdied the 2nd, then, as the day dramatically became sunlit and calm, embarked on his comic routine. Normally one of the straightest hitters on the European Tour, he came off his three-wood drive at the 3rd and put his ball inside the margins of a water hazard on the right.

The ball was playable, but Gilford continued the slapstick routine by chipping out straight into a lateral water hazard 50 yards ahead. Many of his more volatile peers would have blown a fuse, muttered vile curses or wrapped the club round their caddie's neck — Gilford merely blushed in embarrassment.

This time the ball was undoubtedly unplayable. There was no escaping a penalty drop, and, it seemed, no escaping at least one dropped shot. So how did Gilford play it? He drew out his nine-iron, flung the ball high in the air from 120 yards and watched as it landed like a softly poached egg on the green and rolled gently into the hole for a bizarre par four.

At this point the aforementioned peers would have leapt in the air, high-fived their caddie and generally made a spectacle of themselves. Gilford just allowed himself a small smile and a muttered: "That was a bit cheeky." He could say that again. He also birdied the 4th and 6th, and did not blot his copybook until he dropped a shot on the 9th. He remains in touch, however, and the man who rules him out of contention is a fool.

Price, meanwhile, was playing supremely steady golf for the second tournament running. He won the Portuguese Open the week before last, and yesterday's effort, which included six birdies and a solitary, three-putt bogey, meant that he had been in the lead for five consecutive rounds.

He has been turned into something of a celebrity in his home town of Pontypridd since his Portuguese triumph. Newspaper interviews, television appearances and a couple of parties thrown in for good measure left him expecting little here.

He was pleasantly surprised by his form, and insisted he will not get carried away. "Just another good day," he said. But then, it is easy to be modest when, quite suddenly, you become the Price of fame.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 67: P Price, 68: G Hjertstedt (Swe), 69: J Rasmussen (Den), W Riley (Aus), M Perry (Fr), M Besancenay (Fr), G Orr, A Sherborne. 70: E Giraud (Fr), A Cejka (Ger), D Gilford, B Marchbank, G J Brand, S Ames (Trin), A Hunter. 71: J Payne, R Willson, M Mouland, J-F Remsey (Fr), P Golding, K Jones, K Waters, D Williams, P Affleck, C Brooks, T Gledson (Ger), 72: L White, P Walton, S Luna (Sp), I Garrido (Sp), H Thul (Ger), P Linhart (Sp), A Gillner (Swe), J Robinson, F Tarriaud (Fr).

73: J Quiros (Sp), G Levenson (SA), G Brand Jr, P Lawrie, L Westwood, P Mayo, J McHenry, P R Simpson, F Honnorat de Meillard (Fr), M Campbell (NZ), J Lomas, M Mackenzie, F Lindgren (Swe), M Miller, A Sorensen (Den), R Rafferty, P Mitchell, M McLean, G Manson, P Mann, T Decarne (Fr), J Canales (Sp), S Tinning (Den).

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

Hitler connection to Germany-England fixture is unpardonable blunder

Berlin match too dangerous to go ahead



ROB HUGHES
Weekend View

ENGLAND's so-called friendly football international against Germany, scheduled for Berlin on the April 20, should be called off. It has the portents of a ghastly, unpardonable blunder and did so from the moment the German football association insensitively proposed to play the game on the birth date of Adolf Hitler.

That, as an affront to millions of people whose feelings are still inflamed about a war that ended 49 years ago, is bad enough. But, when pro and anti-Nazi groups immediately began planning mass demonstrations and violence around the match, it became inexcusable, crass for football administrators to pretend that they play their game in a vacuum, that sport has nothing to do with such lethal modern war games, that they would go ahead on April 20.

Yesterday the FA insisted that they were "keeping in touch with our German counterparts". So are the neo-Nazi group in London with their vile counterparts in Berlin and elsewhere.

It surely must have dawned on the German FA that they had made a error when Hamburg refused to host the game. How did football administrators, not to mention the forces of law and order, come to the conclusion that violence would not travel the autobahn from Hamburg to Berlin?

And how did those officials assess that it would be less provocative to move the unwanted game to the stadium that Hitler built for his 1936 Olympic Games?

Have the FAs in either country read the leaflets distributed by the attritional groups in Germany, alluding to April 20 in Berlin as "the battle of the century"? But a German FA spokesman insists : "The match goes ahead we are not responsible for things that may happen outside the stadium."

Not responsible? What an unfortunate ring that has. The football administrators must have their heads are in the sand if they think that the threat to life, limb and public order is not real.

The risk is that of creating the most potentially dangerous situation since the Heysel stadium disaster which understandably made English football the pariah of the world game. About 40,000 tickets have been sold for the Berlin match — but fewer than 1,000 have gone through the FA Travel Club.

The Professional Footballers' Association have voiced concern about the safety of players. That can probably be assured, but safety on the streets will need, say the Germans, 600 armed border guards and 4,000 policemen. This is hardly a democratic occasion, and it is not justifiable to continue to hold it simply on the democratic right of consenting nations to play wherever and whenever they choose.

The consent of the players has not been considered, the consent of innocent people who happen to be in Berlin on that night also not canvassed. Indeed, there is to be a rehearsal, for members of the extreme left, including anarchist groups, have called for a demonstration in that city next Saturday.

Of course the Germans say they can cope. Jürgen Kleemann, Berlin's Minister for Sport, agrees that his city accepted the game after Hamburg had opted out and Nuremberg had also declined. Kleemann does not spell out that Berlin, for reasons of its own politics and unrest, wishes to exploit the publicity value of staging this "prestigious" football occasion.

But he does admit: "We know there are risks, but we are confident our police can control any problems."

Control at what cost, and to what end? The current passions aroused worldwide about the D Day marches, are perhaps a generational feeling. Those of us born after the war can let bygones be bygones. But many of the generation that raised us cannot, will not, forgive or forget. And if now, all for a match that is about profit, prestige and German World Cup preparation, one life is threatened, it will not be pardoned by the people of any generation.

The two FAs should think again and not assume that their responsibility ends at the stadium walls.

Arsenal deny involvement in Bergkamp transfer deal

By Keith Pike

EVENTS at Ewood Park this afternoon dominate the weekend football programme, but Arsenal found themselves thrust into the spotlight yesterday after reports from Italy that said they had enquired about the availability of Dennis Bergkamp, the Internazionale and Holland striker.

A report in *Gazzetta dello Sport* quoted Sandro Sabatini, an Inter spokesman, as saying that Arsenal "told us they were interested in the player but did not actually make an offer".

Arsenal were reported to be prepared to pay a British-record transfer fee of more than £6 million for Bergkamp, who, with his wages included, cost Inter twice that much when signing from Ajax last June.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, would doubtless love to team Bergkamp in attack with Ian Wright next season, but he has said repeatedly that he would not contemplate having players at Highbury earning twice as much or more as their colleagues, and Bergkamp's salary demands — he presently earns a basic £675,000 a year — would force Graham to abandon his rigid pay structure.

Graham said the story was "pure speculation" and David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chairman, denied any knowledge of a bid for the player whose goals helped eliminate England from the World Cup.

"This is the first I have heard of this," Dein said. "I would certainly have known about it if we were bidding that kind of money." If Bergkamp does move — and Inter are thought to be keen to sell — Barcelona is a more likely destination.

With only the runners-up in the FA Carling Premiership guaranteed a place in the Uefa Cup next season, Arsenal will attempt to close the gap on Blackburn by beating Swindon Town at Highbury this afternoon. Defeat for Swindon would push them closer to the brink of relegation and Martin Ling, their midfield player, acknowledged that their task looks hopeless.

"We are desperate, it's as simple as that," Ling said. "We need to win five of our last seven games when we have won only four all season."

With Oldham Athletic having lost only one of their last 12 games and Sheffield United showing encouraging form, none of the teams in the bottom half of the table, from Coventry City downwards, can consider themselves safe.

For Southampton and Manchester City in particular, the Easter programme will be critical after taking three points each from the last 15. They meet at the Dell on Monday. This afternoon, Southampton go to Chelsea while City are at home to Aston Villa. "In our position anything less than a win will badly damage our chances of climbing clear," Brian Horton, the City manager, said.

Horton, though, believes his side is "in the mood for battle. The apprehension seems to be disappearing from their play. They look more confident going forward."

Everton, who visit Sheffield Wednesday, Sheffield United, who go to Liverpool, and Tottenham Hotspur, who are likely to have Teddy Sheringham on the substitutes' bench after three operations on his right knee and five months out of action, are also in danger.

However the anxiety could end for one club today: a defeat at home to Brighton, coupled with victories for Cardiff City and Rotherham United and a draw by Fulham, would end any remaining hopes Barnet have after an unhappy season spent almost exclusivley at the foot of the second division.



In spite of breaking his leg a year ago, McCoist is still "a lucky so-and-so", according to his appreciative manager

The Ranger who turns misses into hits

Kevin McCarra admires the goalscoring achievements of Ally McCoist, a man who loves the pressures of celebrity

FOOTBALL wisdom states that strikers must never be afraid to miss but Ally McCoist takes that mentality one stage further. The Rangers forward is almost perked up by fluffing an opportunity. It is as if he reckons that he is really closing in on his quarry.

The near-misses guide him to goals. So it was at Firhill on Tuesday when he hit the Partick Thistle goalkeeper from close range after 82 minutes but then rifled home a much more awkward chance in the final seconds. That strike and his opener against Hearts last weekend have helped Rangers through a week in which they have virtually clinched a sixth successive league title.

A victory over Aberdeen at Ibrox this afternoon would leave only Motherwell as remote challengers. McCoist's recovery of form at this point is scarcely surprising; he is not the man to miss a party. After breaking his leg last April much of the year since has been occupied with rehabilitation and overcoming other, minor injuries. Even so, he did interrupt the convalescence in October to come on as substitute and score the winner in the League Cup final.

In terms of form and fitness there was no reason for McCoist's involvement that day. The Rangers manager, however, is sensible enough to let the uncanny go about its business unhindered. "Ally's a lucky so-and-so," explained Walter Smith after the final, "and he's going to be like that all his life. Who am I to stand in his way?"

McCoist's good fortune shows no signs of letting up. When the striker was left out of the international against Holland last week the national coach, Craig Brown, remarked that McCoist had been finishing well in training but might have arrived a yard off the pace in a top-flight match. Most observers thought that an underestimate of the Rangers player's problems but this week's games suggest Brown was correct.

It is now possible to envisage McCoist reclaiming his old effectiveness. There will always be arguments about his true standing for the forward has never scored in the finals of the World Cup or European Championship, nor did he hit the net for Rangers in last season's Champions League. Nonetheless, the sheer quantity of his goals has been crucial to the club's remorseless effectiveness in Scotland.

As much as technique, it is his love of celebrity which keeps McCoist scoring. So many people yearn for fame but then start to shrivel when they are finally touched by it. Not McCoist. He turns all the attention into a carnival. A star who drives a bright yellow Audi convertible does not want to be alone.

At 31 he is beginning to dread the long drab after-life of the ex-player and so clings to his status all the more. Last August, McCoist sauntered into Ibrox with the shambling figure of Duncan Ferguson in his wake. Sighting the press, he turned to introduce the new £4 million signing. "Gentleman," he announced, "my protégé".

Hilarity, however, cannot disguise McCoist's serious intent to ensure that Ferguson and any other rivals remain mere understudies.

Toms first woman official to break through

By Keith Pike

AFTER decades restricted to washing the kit and watching from the terraces, women have finally broken through the once all-male preserve of professional football. From next season, Wendy Toms will become the first female to officiate at Football League matches.

Toms, a 30-year-old Parcelforce worker from Poole in Dorset, will initially be restricted to running the line, but if she continues her progress could eventually become the first woman referee in senior English football.

Toms heard of her appointment to the Football League's linesman's list yesterday, when she was in charge of the Great Mills Western League match between Bideford and Torrington. "Breaking through this barrier has been the greatest achievement of my life," she said. "I've dreamed about it, but that was only a dream. As far as I'm concerned I can go all the way. Try and stop me — the sky's the limit."

A former goalkeeper with Bournemouth Ladies who once represented England Youth in a five-a-side tournament, Toms has already had a taste of what is in store. Having taken up refereeing eight years ago, she has run the line at GM Vauxhall Conference matches and acted as the reserve official at a Football League match between Bournemouth and Reading two seasons ago, although without being used.

The referee on that occasion was Philip Don, who will be officiating in the World Cup finals this summer in the United States: "She was utterly professional in her outlook that day and I don't think she will have any difficulties."

The only problem, he said, was the practical one of changing facilities. "At Bournemouth we got her to change in the medical room before she came into the dressing room, and afterwards she went back there to get changed."

Toms will not need telling that making unpopular decisions with a hostile crowd behind you and temperamental players in front calls for a cool head and diffidence to strong language. Don, does not foresee any difficulties there, either. "To get this far she has obviously had to overcome that," he said. "I suppose it is possible that players may even be inclined to use less foul and abusive language with a woman official present."



Toms: breaks barrier

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): San Antonio 101 Cleveland 85; Milwaukee 111 Portland 109; Seattle 95 LA Lakers 92; Phoenix 117 LA Clippers 102, Atlanta 108 Sacramento 102.

BOWLS

LINCOLN: Fritzcell National Mixed Pairs Championship: Sunderland 16 Nottingham 19, Torbay 16 Blackpool NN 15, Christie Miller 21 Northampton 15; Isle of Purbeck 12 East Dorset 19; Cambridge Chesterton 17 Ilford 11; 16 Sevenoaks 8, Colchester 17 Ilford 11; Victory 6 Hartlepool 14, Pinewood Park 23 British Cellophane 9; Chipping Norton 13 Copeland 16, Nonga 8 Peterborough 16; Gerrard 13 Wey Valley 9; Avon Valley 3 North Walsham 17; Desborough (Maidenhead) 11 Eastbourne 13, Stevenage 14 Croydon 19, Tilbury 16 Barwell 13; Cammoggas 7 York 22

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 0 West Hem 3.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 2 Torrington 0; Mangotsfield 3 Bristol Manor Farm 0. Postponed: Calne v Chippenham; Crediton v Exmouth; Liskeard v Saltash. Lee Phillips Cup: Brislington 3 Paulton 0.
Late results on Thursday
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Group B: Dundalk 0 St Patrick's 2.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Nottingham Forest 2 Sunderland 1; Sheffield Wednesday 0 Manchester United 6.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Ipswich 2 Crystal Palace 0; Oxford United 1 Arsenal 0. Postponed: Bristol Rovers v Norwich.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Banstead 2 Collier Row 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Guiseley 3 Bamber Bridge 2. President's Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Accrington Stanley 1 Leek 1 (Leek win 4-2 on aggregate)
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Fakenham 3 Lowestoft 1.
GERMAN LEAGUE: MSV Duisburg 2 Borussia Mönchengladbach 0; VfB Stuttgart 1 Kaiserslautern 1; Wattenscheid 3 Hamburg SV 1; Dynamo Dresden 1 Nuremberg 1.
DUTCH LEAGUE: FC Twente Enschede 4 Willem II Tilburg 0.
BERNE: Schools match: Centenary shield: Switzerland Under-17 0 England-Under 18 3.

GOLF

TOKYO: Descent Classic: Leading second-round scores (Japan unless stated): 137: T Yoneyama 71, 66. 138: K Yoshimura 70, 68; T Watanabe 70, 68; T Maruyama 69, 69; B Watts (US) 67, 71. 139: T Fukuzawa 75, 64; Y Nakamura 71, 68. Other foreign scores: 140: F Minoza (Phil) 70, 70; B Andrews (Aus) 70, 70; R Mackay (Aus) 70, 70. 141: A Gilligan (Aus) 73, 68; S Gimson (Sing) 71, 70. 142: L Jin-han (S Kor) 72, 70. 143: Z Moe (Burma) 73, 70; R Tway (US) 73, 70; R Backwell (Aus) 72, 71. 144: H Chansheng (Taiwan) 74, 70; R Gibson (Can) 74, 70; K Clearwater (US) 73, 71. 146: W Smith (Aus) 72, 73; E Herrera (Col) 71, 74.

HOCKEY

TERRASSA, Spain: European Cup-Winners' Cup: Pool A: Harvesthuder (Ger) 3 Dragons (Bel) 0; HGC (Holl) 4 SS Lazio (It) 2. Pool B: Teddington 4 Lisnagarvey (N Ire) 1, Athletico Terrassa 6, SKA Ekaterinburg (Russ) 1.
EDINBURGH: European Youth Tournament: Boys: Under-18: France 1 Holland 5; Spain 4 Scotland 3; England 1 Germany 2. Under-16: Scotland 0 Germany 4; Spain 2 Holland 2; France 1 England 3. Girls: Under-18: Germany 4 Holland 3; Scotland 0 France 0; Spain 1 England 3. Under-16: Spain 1 England 4; Germany 1 Holland 4; Scotland 1 France 1.
CARDIFF: Women's European Cup-Winners' Cup: Pool A: Amsterdam 3 Stade Francais 2; SKIF Moscow 3 Aldesse 0. Pool B: Leicester 2 Portadown 0, Canli 1 Bayer Leverkusen 3.
GLASGOW: British universities tournament: Men's final: England A 2 Northern Ireland 1. Third-place play-off: Oxford 2 Cambridge 1.



James Wattana: through to snooker second round

England B 1 (abandoned second half); Fifth place play-off: Scotland 1 Cambridge 1 (Cambridge won 5-4 on pens); Seventh place play-off: Wales 3 London 2.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NHL): Anaheim 2 Edmonton 3 (OT); Boston 2 Dallas 2 (OT), Chicago 3 Washington 6; Detroit 2 Quebec 4; Philadelphia 1 Calgary 4; San Jose 5 Toronto 3.

MOTOR RALLYING

SAFARI RALLY, Kenya: Second day: 1, I Duncan (Ken), Toyota 7hr 19min; 2, K Shinozuka (Japan), Mitsubishi 13min behind; 3, R Burns (GB), Subaru 33; 4, P Njiru (Ken), Subaru 39; 5, D Aundl (Fr), Toyota 1:05. Overall: 1, Duncan 8hr 34min; 2, Shinozuka 18min behind, 3, Njiru 48.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Huddersfield 32 Keighley 10.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Redruth 8 St Mary's Hospital 15.

SPEED SKATING

GUILDFORD: World short-track championships: Finals: Men: 500m: 1, F Blackburn (Can) 44.07; 2, D Campbell (Can) 44.10; 3, K Ki-hoon (SA) 44.24. 1500m: 1, Chae Ji-hoon (S Kor) 2min 26.45sec, 2, M Gagnon (Can) 2:27.15; 3, D Campbell (Can) 2:27.55. Women: 500m: 1, M Condlin (it) 47.09sec, 2, N Lambert (Can) 47.43, 3, Yang Yang (China) 48.18. 1500m: 1, K So-hee (S Kor) 2min 43.03sec; 2, N Lambert (Can) 2:43.12; 3, K Ryang-hee (S Kor) 2.43.14.

SNOOKER

PLYMOUTH: British Open championship: First round (Eng unless stated): R Lawler bt M Clark 5-4; D Dale (Wales) bt D Reynolds 5-3; J Parrott bt E Hughes (Ire) 5-1; K Doherty (Ire) bt P Francisco (SA) 5-4; D Mountjoy (Wales) bt I Graham 5-1; J White bt W Shaddick (Scot) 5-0; J Wattana (Thai) bt D Fowler (Eng) 5-2; S James (Eng) bt D Rippon (Eng) 5-1; M Price (Eng) bt Y Meschant (India) 5-3; D O'Kane (NZ) bt S O'Connor (Ire) 5-4; M Johnston-Allen (Eng) bt N Terry (Eng) 5-3; D Harold (Eng) bt T Griffiths (Wales) 5-2; D Walker (Eng) bt A Knowles (Eng) 5-4; A Bolsover (Eng) bt G Wilkinson (Eng) 5-3.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Second division: Middlesbrough 64 Sheffield 32; Oxford 61 Peterborough 44.

SQUASH

LINZ, Austria: Men's tournament: Second round: R Martin (Aus) bt S Meads (Eng) 15-7, 14-15, 15-12, 15-11, R Eyles (Aus) bt M Cairns (Eng) 15-10, 15-9, 15-8, Zeruk Jahan Khan (Pak) bt S Parke (Eng) 17-15, 15-8, 6-15, 15-13; P Nicol (Scot) bt P Whitlock (Eng) 15-4, 15-11, 7-15, 12-15, 15-8; C Walker (Eng) bt M Carlyon (Aus) 15-5, 15-13, 15-20; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt A Hill (Aus) 15-13, 15-12, 15-4; T Hands (Eng) bt A Feheem Khan (HK) 15-8, 11-15, 12-15, 15-10, 15-12. B Martin (Aus) bt D Maddings (Eng) 15-11, 17-15, 15-12.

SWIMMING

EDINBURGH: Speedo British grand prix (GB unless stated): Men: 50m backstroke: 1, M Foster 23.03sec; 2, P Khynkin (Ukr) 23.36; 3, V Predkin (Russ) 23.44. 50m backstroke: 1, M Harris 26.28sec (equal British record); 2, A O'Connor (Ire) 26.96; 3, P Khynkin (Ukr) 27.39. 200m breaststroke: 1, N Gillingham 2mn 16.33sec; 2, I Swift 2.20.72, 3, A Ayres 2.21.83. 200m medley: 1, F Wajkar 2min 04.96sec, 2, A Bauchin (Fra) 2:05.01; 3, S Dorgov (Ukr) 2:05.26. 1500m freestyle: 1, G Smith (Stockport 15min 23.78sec (Scottish record); 2, A Alatiev (Russ) 15:33.11; 3, I Wilson 15:35.93. Women: 50m freestyle: 1, L Dobreacu (Rom) 27.00sec; 2, A Sheppard 27.05; 3, K Pickering 27.25. 100m backstroke: 1, S Voelker (Ger) 1mn 03.04sec; 2, K Osher 1:04.62; 3, H Slatter 1:04.66. 100m butterfly: 1, N Goodwin 1min 02.86sec; 2, A Bennett 1:03.71; 3, S Bondarenko (Ukr) 1:03.97. 200m freestyle: 1, L Dobreacu (Rom) 2:02.53; 2, K Pickering 2:03.85; 3, C Huddart 2:04.64. 400m medley: 1, H Slatter 4mn 55.21; 2, V Hale 4:57.10 (Welsh record); 3, C Nibjet 4:59.88.

TABLE TENNIS

BIRMINGHAM: European championships Men's singles: First round: J Truska (Slovakia) bt K Jindrak (Aus) 21-19, 21-14, 21-16; A Mazunov (Russ) bt M Somos (Hun) 22-20, 21-16, 21-18; C Creanga (Gr) bt I Eren (Tur) 21-13, 21-15, 21-8; C Lagour (Fr) bt D Alexiou (Cro) 21-16, 21-12, 21-17, 21-14; D Douglas (Eng) bt P Marek (Slovakia) 21-16, 22-20, 21-8, J Plachy (Cz) bt W Schlager (Austria) 25-23, 21-12, 21-9; D Halster (Holl) bt F Pazsy (Hun) 21-13, 21-12, 21-7; P Franz (Ger) bt A Orloves (Lith) 21-7, 21-17, 21-19; F Sonnet (Bel) bt D Eloi (Fr) 20-22, 21-17, 17-21, 21-19, 21-14; T Miller (Switz) bt E Zakarian (Arm) 21-17, 27-11, 21-16; A Karakasevic (Independent Federation Players) bt V Sanchez (Sp) 21-15, 21-14, 21-17; D Surbek (Cro) bt T Puntse (Est) 13-21, 19-21, 21-9, 21-15, 24-22; Z Hamzi (Hun) bt S Grujic (FRY) 21-17, 21-23, 21-14, 16-21, 21-18; P Chila (Fr) bt F Hackansson (Swe) 21-14, 21-13, 21-15; C Ignat (Rom) bt K Hogsberg (Den) 21-13, 17-21, 16-21, 21-8, 21-18; L Hauth (Den) bt R Roberto (Por) 21-19, 21-13, 21-15; V Dvorak (Ukr) bt M Costantini (It) 14-21, 21-17, 21-17, 19-21, 21-16; A Cooke (Eng) bt M Kostadinov (Bul) 21-16, 21-17, 21-14, P Salve (Bel) bt L Eriksson (Fin) 21-16, 21-12, 21-17; Oian Olanli (Austria) bt M Shmyrev (Russ) 21-16, 21-12, 21-12; S Ignjatovic (Slovenia) bt D Winterscorff (Lux) 21-12, 22-20, 21-12; C Dreher (Ger) bt S Millicevic (FR) 21-14, 21-16, 21-19; M Syed (Eng) bt K Langerov (Austria) 21-13, 21-14, 21-7. Women's singles: First round: K Tolliste (Lux) bt T Surikova (Ukr) 15-21, 21-8, 21-15, 18-21, 21-17; Z Polesikova (Slovakia) bt A Bjorgvinsdotlir (Ice) 21-10, 21-14, 21-14; E Coubet (Fr) bt D Zerdila (Gr) 21-12, 21-12, 21-13; A Anai (Ij) bt S Susilo (Cro) 21-12, 21-9, 21-13; T Kostromina (Bela) bt K Kallasi (Est) 21-9, 21-10, 21-14; N Williams (Wales) bt P Tolhoj (Den) 16-21, 21-17, 23-21, 21-16; A Komulainen (Fin) bt N Pullichino (Malta) 21-7, 21-10, 21-14; B Wikdorsson (Swe) bt J Narkiewicz (Pol) 17-21, 17-21, 21-19, 21-15, 24-22; V Ella (Hun) bt I Palina (Russ) 21-18, 21-14, 21-19; J Smith (Scot) bt R Freiberger (Lux) 21-9, 21-16, 27-25; E Billen (Bel) bt M Sopova (Cz) 17-21, 21-14, 21-15, 21-13; C Preedel (Ger) bt M Hubert (Bel) 21-12, 21-11, 21-10, J Prusiene (Lith) bt J Thompson (Ire) 21-11, 21-17, 18-21, 21-12. N I Xia Lian (Lux) bt A Pogoesian (Arm) 21-6, 21-4, 21-14; G Melnik (Russ) bt M Kravchenko (Ukr) 18-21, 21-17, 21-18, 21-14, F Issnovic (IFP) bt A Jaruszyk (Pol) 21-18, 21-18, 21-17; P Pichtinger (Austria) bt Z Ignjatovic (Slovenia) 21-10, 21-14, 21-10; A Fralova (Slovakia) bt O Kanuzova (Lat) 17-21, 19-21, 21-15, 21-15, 21-14; A Simion (Rom) bt C Fischer (Ger) 17-21, 19-21, 21-18, 21-19, 23-21; K Toth (Hun) bt S Plaisam (Fr) 21-17, 21-17, 21-10; F Elliot-Mommessin (Eng) bt E Aganovic (Cro) 11-21, 21-16, 21-18, 21-18; A Holt (Eng) bt D Dendoula (Gr) 21-13, 22-20, 21-13; G Panadero (Sp) bt K Marks (Est) 22-24, 21-16, 21-19, 13-21, 21-17; M Merenda (It) bt L Poulsen (Den) 21-13, 21-13, 21-18; V Pavlovich (Belo) bt J Kalmia (Fin) 21-15, 21-12, 21-23, 21-15; M Naumann (Liech) bt L Mesen (Bosnia-Herze) 15-21, 21-18, 22-20, 21-14; A Svensson (Swe) bt C Czar (Bel) 21-14, 21-16, 21-13; O Kusnich (Russ) bt A Gordon (Eng) 21-17, 21-16, 21-14; A Bolleau (Fr) bt J Andnan (Arm) 21-11, 21-14, 21-15, P Michael (Den) bt D Walker (Scot) 21-17, 21-14, 21-18; E Kovtun (Ukr) bt A Mortensbakke (Nor) 21-7, 21-9, 21-10; P Freiih (Slovene) bt D Mihaylova (Bul) 21-11, 21-8, 21-10; G Keen (Holl) bt M Bubb (IOM) 21-3, 21-8, 21-1; A Vachovcova (Cz) bt M Mirou (Gr) 22-20, 24-22, 21-19; S Bakhtina (Russ) bt N Deeton (Eng) 21-19, 21-18, 19-21, 21-18; M Stoff (Nam) bt V Pavlovich (Belo) 21-19, 21-17, 13-21, 21-17; R Gerkauskaite (Lith) bt M Fazakas (Hun) 21-16, 21-10, 23-21; V Popova (Slovakia) bt I Dimitrova (Bul) 21-13, 21-4, 21-14; S Thone (Bel) bt S Jurinec (Cro) 27-25, 21-15, 15-21, 13-21, 21-15; A Makinian (Arm) bt A Miliganiec (Pol) 21-14, 21-15, 20-22, 21-13.

TENNIS

SUN CITY: South African Open: Second round: M Petchey (GB) bt K Kucera (Slovakia) 6-3, 6-1; M Ondrusks (SA) bt E Ferreira (SA) 6-3, 6-4; A Volkov (Russ) bt G Muller (SA) 7-6, 6-2; T Muster (Austria) bt B Black (Zim) 7-5, 7-5, 7-6. Quarter-finals: J Hlasek (Switz) bt T Muster (Austria) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; A Volkov (Russ) bt M Ondrusks (SA) 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; H Dreekman (Ger) bt M Petchey (GB) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.
OSAKA, Japan: Salem Open: Quarter-finals: P Sampras (US) bt G Raoux (Fr) 6-3, 6-3; H Holm (Swe) bt M Chang (US) 2-6, 7-5, 6-3; A Agassi (US) leads D Wheaton (US) 7-6, 3-1 (rain stopped play); M Zoecke (Ger) bt C Bergstrom (Swe) 7-6, 6-3.
HILTON HEAD, South Carolina: Women's tournament: Second round (US unless stated): A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt A Coetzer (SA) 7-6, 6-2; S Cecchini (It) bt I Gorrochategui (Arg) 7-5, 7-5.
ESTORIL, Portugal: Quarter-finals: J Sanchez (Sp) bt E Sanchez (Sp) 6-2, 6-2; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; A Costa (Sp) bt S Bruguera (Sp) 6-2, 4-3 ret; C Costa (Sp) bt A Gaudarez (It) 6-0, 6-0

THE TIMES
SNOW SERVICE

USA	0839 400 471
SWITZ	0839 400 472
AUSTRIA	0839 400 473
FRANCE	0839 400 474
ITALY	0839 400 475
OTHER EURO	0839 400 476

Calls cost 36p (cheap) 48p (other times) per minute

The Rules of Golf in Ireland
No: 1.

Turn up and tee off!

We've been playing golf in Ireland for over a century, so perhaps it's not surprising that we have over 250 beautiful links and parkland courses to test your skill. Many of the courses are of championship standard.

But you may be surprised how easy it is to get on the course of your choice. Usually, you just turn up and tee off. The green fees will be a welcome surprise too.

To find out more about Golf in Ireland and our special Ladies Golf Breaks (club membership not essential) please phone 081-897 6665 (24 hrs) or write to Golf '94, The Irish Tourist Board, P.O. Box 46, Hounslow TW4 6NF.

Ireland

Blackburn attempt to keep race alive

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ALL hopes of a sustained contest for the 1994 FA Carling Premiership rest at Ewood Park this evening. Blackburn Rovers, the only opponent capable of denying the prize to Manchester United, must win, otherwise the race is effectively run, barring a collapse of Devon Loch proportions by United in the home straight.

Alex Ferguson does not intend to allow it, promising instead that United's approach "will be to go all out for a win". That would put United nine points clear — effectively ten because of their vastly superior goal difference — with eight games remaining. Ewood Park, however, will be seething tonight and Blackburn Rovers are closer now to an English league championship than for 80 years.

They were closer still last Saturday when Kenny Dalglish commented: "We can now dictate our own destiny." Such presumption from the master of quiet obduracy. Within days he regretted it, for Blackburn, facing the tensions that United have coped with all season, fell 4-1 at Wimbledon.

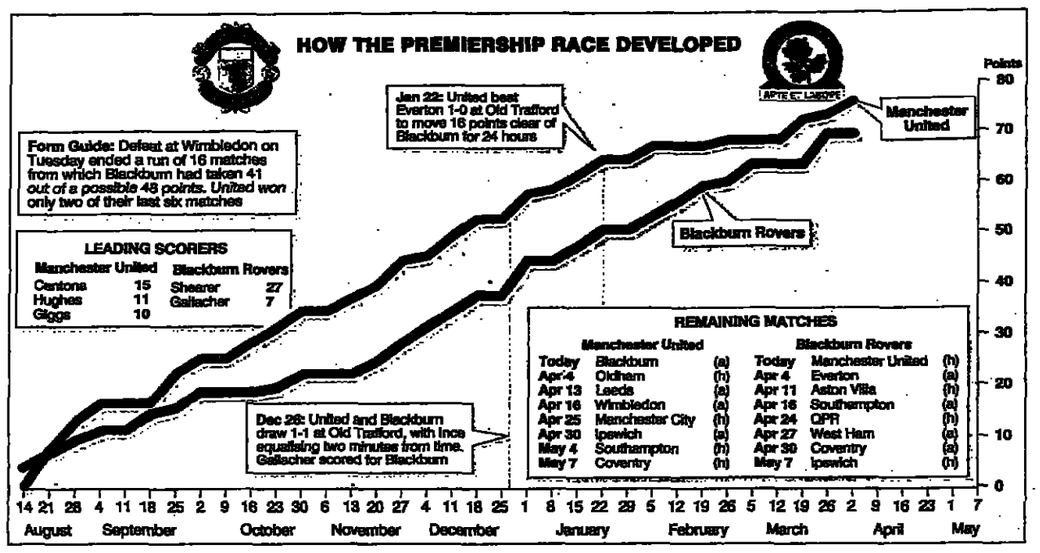
If Dalglish is stuck for a word of motivation tonight, he might use the first lines of a verse which have, since the Fifties, been pinned to the office wall of Jack Walker, the benefactor whose millions have transformed Blackburn club into a genuine contender for honours: "If you think you are outclassed, you are; you've got to think high to rise."

Blackburn, whose stadium is improving almost as fast as the team, have spent £22 million on a squad worthy of competing on level terms with United. It seems astonishing, almost incongurous, in a small, formerly prosperous cotton mill town that houses 142,700 people, but money rules these days, Walker is in the money and Dalglish has spent it shrewdly; his assistant, Ray Harford, has blended the talents cleverly.

There will be some mighty individual struggles. There is the surge of Roy Keane (bought for £3.7 million from Nottingham Forest) against the tenacity of David Batty (bought by Blackburn from Leeds for £2.75 million), who has been transformed under Harford. There is, of course, Alan Shearer, for whom Blackburn outbid United almost two years ago, and there are lesser buys, notably the Blackburn captain, Tim Sherwood, a mere £500,000 player pitting his wits against Paul Ince, supposedly four times his value.

On the wings, Blackburn work Stuart Ripley and Jason Wilcox indefatigably; they are industrious, protecting their full backs, motoring forward, keeping the team's shape and providing its tempo. Wilcox, seemingly because he is a home-grown talent, has become a target for a sizeable proportion of the Blackburn crowd, an unfair and stupid trait growing within English football.

However, the crux of the match could come where there is doubt in the selection of both teams. Ferguson will not say publicly whether he will replace the suspended Eric Cantona with Brian McClair, or switch Ryan Giggs to the centre and deploy Andre Kanchelskis and Lee Sharpe on the flanks. Whether it is McClair or Giggs, the defender most likely to try to blunt them ought to be Colin Hendry, but he missed the defeat at Wimbledon with a thigh strain and requires a late fitness test today.



Having played both teams recently, Lawrie Sanchez, of Swindon, said: "United have more flair and ability, Blackburn are the harder working side." Succinctly put, if a trifle inconsiderate of the talents laced into the work-rate under Dalglish. Blackburn are unbeaten at home since playing West Ham United on September 18, after which they drew twice and are now on 11 consecutive victories, scoring 22 goals and conceding only three.

United, though, when their discipline holds, actually prefer playing away from Old Trafford and their hunger to retain the championship means that they have lost but once away from home all season, at Chelsea almost six months ago.

The unbeaten home team against the thrilling, at time obdurate away battlers. For this, some people, even in a town of high unemployment such as Blackburn, are reputedly paying £150 for a £10 ticket. Live satellite television does not deter them, for some know that Jack Walker, not given to idol boasting, warned the United Chairman a year ago: "Next year it will be Blackburn's turn for the title." Next year has come.

Cantona may be the first foreigner to earn the Player of the Year accolade from his fellow professionals. The French forward is among a shortlist of six for the Players' Player of the Year award, which will be announced at the Professional Footballers'

LIKELY TEAMS

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, D May, C Hendry (or K Moran), G Le Saux — S Ripley, T Sherwood, D Batty, J Wilcox — M Newell, A Shearer

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — P Parker, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — A Kanchelskis, R Keane, P Ince, L Sharpe — R Giggs, M Hughes.

Association annual London dinner on April 10. Ryan Giggs, Peter Beardsley, Andy Cole and Shearer, flying the flag for Blackburn, are also on the list.

Giggs and Cole are also nominated for the Young Player of the Year award — which Giggs won in 1993 — in a list that also includes Lee Clark, Robbie Fowler, Gary Kelly and Chris Sutton.

Berlin danger, page 39
First lineswoman, page 39
Weekend preview, page 39

Smith out of bout after test reveals concern

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

JAMES Bonecrusher Smith, the former world heavyweight champion, has been pulled out of his bout with Henry Akinwande, the European champion. The 41-year-old former World Boxing Association champion has not been granted a licence to box by the British Boxing Board of Control because there are doubts about his fitness.

Mickey Duff, the promoter, is trying to find another opponent for Akinwande to save the show, at the York Hall, east London, on Tuesday.

Because of Smith's age and a knockout he suffered in three rounds by Lionel Butler in January, and reports of his diminishing ability to take a punch, he was brought over early by Duff for a thorough medical. But after three days of extensive tests which included an MRI (multi-resonance imaging) brain scan, the board's medical panel turned him down.

The board did not say what was wrong with him, simply that there were some doubts and it did not want to take any chances. However, it is believed that he failed the EEG brain function test.

John Morris, secretary of the board, said yesterday: "With great regret the board cannot permit the contest to go ahead. We agreed to the contest on purely boxing terms but medical terms were very comprehensive and after studying the reports the board felt it had no other option."

Duff said: "If any boxer is medically wrong they have got to withdraw him. Henry is very disappointed. Bonecrusher would have been the first world champion on his record."

Duff, who paid Smith's airfare, hotel and all other expenses, was still seeking a suitable opponent yesterday in order to save the show. The board's caution is understandable in view of the fact that in the last 14 days two heavyweights from the United States — Jesse Ferguson and Michael Bentt — have given poor performances.

Smith said: "It's all a bit of a shock. I still don't understand what the problem is, and why I can't get a licence, because I've had no specific details. Nobody has told me anything specific to base my decision about my future. How can I make a decision? Obviously, I don't want to fight if anything is wrong."

Spotlight falls on neglected Tufnell in match with Board XI

Malcolm's chance to provide tonic effect

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN GRENADA

A GREAT effort of will and considerable force of leadership will be needed if England's crestfallen cricketers are to salvage anything worthwhile from this doomed tour and the agenda for Easter weekend is not designed to help.

Grenada is among the loveliest of all Caribbean islands and, since its dramatic invasion by American troops in 1986, has become a popular holiday destination. But the distant sight of golden beaches and scudding yachts will be no more than an irritant for the touring team today.

Crushed of hope and spirit in Trinidad, where the final insult, discovered only yesterday, was the theft of equipment and personal effects from the team baggage, the England players must now face an ambitious, thrusting team of fringe West Indies players on a ground that can kindly be described as quaint.

WEST INDIES BOARD XI (from): R I C Holder (captain), P V Simmons, P A Wallace, S C Williams, S L Campbell, R D Jacobs, C O Browne, A C Cummins, V C Drakes, E C Antoine, R N Lewis, O D Gibson.

ENGLAND XI (from): A J Stewart (captain), R A Smith, M R Ramprakash, G P Thorpe, N Hussain, G A Hick, M P Maynard, A P Igglesden, S L Watkin, D E Malcolm, P C R Tufnell, I D K Salisbury.

Michael Atherton spiritedly defends his team's approach to the tour against the wildest of this week's criticism and insists: "We prepared in the best possible way." Nothing, however, could have prepared them for the experience of being bowled out for 46 to lose the series, then starting a three-week run-in of limited meaning with a game staged on a field at which goats might turn up their noses.

Queen's Park is only a short drive from the charming harbour of St George's, Grenada's capital, but a million miles from paradise. Surrounded by a rusting corrugated-iron fence, it has a homespun pavilion and a press box which, curiously, faces away from the square and out to sea.

Closer inspection reveals an outfield as rough as any I have seen for an international fixture and a pitch perched on a plateau so that bowlers from both ends have to run in uphill.

It is precisely the sort of ground on which one fears for Devon Malcolm's knee, which will be having its first competitive test since he broke down in Kingston six weeks ago, and for the fragile composure of players for whom the last week has been the worst of their cricketing lives.

For instance, anyone fielding at mid-off, where the surface is barest and most uneven, will need lightning reflexes and a sense of humour, which must equally be shared by the bowlers. In two cases, at least, this may be elusive, for both Malcolm and Philip Tufnell will be bowling for high stakes.

The added dimension of Malcolm's pace has been sorely missed since the first Test and providing he gives no cause for longer-term concern here, it is inconceivable that he will not return to the Test team in Bridgetown next week. It should be the quickest pitch of the series and Malcolm took seven wickets on it against Barbados in early February.

He struck Matthew Maynard a glancing blow on the chin with one lifting delivery in the nets yesterday, a nasty moment, no doubt, for Maynard, but a welcoming sight for England, who have looked toothless in attack without Malcolm's hostility.

"He has done everything we've asked of him and now he's ready," Dave Roberts, the team physiotherapist said. "We set targets after his knee operation and he's met them all without any problems."

Malcolm's comeback, however, would require a reshuffle, almost certainly resulting in the omission of Ian Salisbury, because even a gung-ho England, with nothing left to lose, could not rationally go into a match with two bowlers whose wicket-taking talent is tempered by the regular concession of five runs an over.

Unless they then retreat to the flawed theory of an exclusively seam attack, Tufnell must also play. Arguably, he should already have had a far greater role in this tour, for he has been impressive whenever given the chance, but the last time he bowled in a first-class game was in Barbados, all of seven weeks ago. His memory, as much as his infamously short fuse, will be under examination today.

England will include both specialist slow bowlers, perhaps inspired by the fact that Pakistan's spinners shared 16 wickets during their victory on this ground last year. That, too, was a fixture preceded by drama, though of an entirely different sort. Two days earlier, four of the players were arrested on a beach and charged with possession of drugs.

Once they had decided against pulling out of the tour, Pakistan comfortably beat an under-23 side of slightly less stature than the Board XI opposing England today. It is to be led by the Barbados captain, Roland Holder, and includes two members of the full West Indies squad, Phil Simmons and Andy Cummins, in addition to a variety of potential Test players.

England will not finalise their side until this morning but Alec Stewart will be in charge as Atherton has a rest, along with the three seam bowlers who played in Trinidad and a transparently weary Jack Russell, whose pale and puckered features form an adequate summary of the anaemic outlook for the remains of this tour.



Malcolm comes bounding in at net practice in Grenada yesterday proving his fitness to resume his place in the touring side. Photograph: Graham Morris

More than 14,000 readers have entered First Class XI, the competition that gives you the chance to choose your ideal cricket team and win a trip for two to see any Test match in the world next year.
See *The Times* for full details on Monday.
THE TIMES
Canon

IF YOU SPEND MORE THAN 2 HOURS MOWING GRASS...
You could be in paradise with a Countax Garden Tractor - and get the fine cut and striped finish you previously expected only from a good roller driven, walk behind mower!
Europe's fastest growing make of garden tractor, the Countax is more than just a fine lawnmower - in orchard or paddock it is also a rugged rough cutter! The superb powered brush collector picks up neatly and completely in conditions that
Countax, Freepost, Great Haseley, Oxford OX44 7BR.
Please send brochure ☐ Please arrange demonstration ☐
Name
Address
Postcode Tel:
OR RING: 0844 279927 (24hrs)
COUNTAX
The Better British Garden Tractor

هكذا من الأصل

BOOKS



Stephen Fry's poet and bigot is given licence

PLUS: Littlewood's life story, pages 14-15

TRAVEL



Which are the top hotel bedrooms in Britain?

PLUS: Easter events for the family, pages 20-23

GAMES



A new Punch cartoon caption puzzle

Brains teased, page 27
PLUS: Jumbo, page 10

COLLECTING

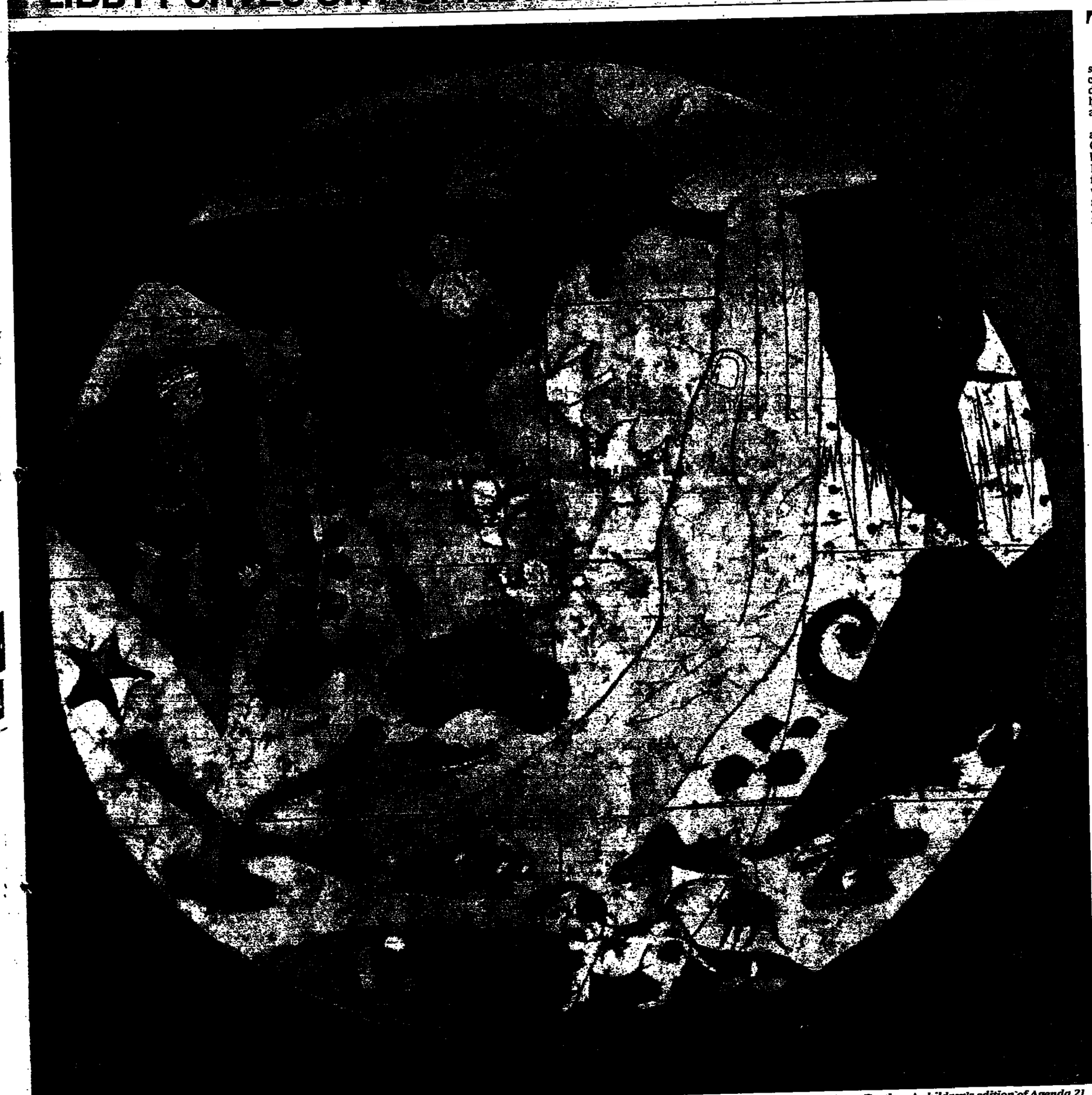


Cook books: a most consuming passion

PLUS: Saleroom talk, page 10

WEEKEND

LIBBY PURVES ON A CHILDREN'S CRUSADE TO SAVE THE EARTH



A child's global view: the hand belongs to the artist, Xu Xi, aged 13 of China, one of thousands of children worldwide who contributed to the book *Rescue Mission Planet Earth — A children's edition of Agenda 21*

This is the world, and its good birds and beasts and farmers under a benevolent sun. Observe the black tide, though, creeping over air and ocean to deface it. And note, particularly, the firm hand held up against the pollution.

The hand belongs to the artist Xu Xi, aged 13, from China. Or you could say that it belongs collectively to all the 10,000 children, of countries from China to Peru and Norway to Nigeria, who sent in similar warning pictures and poems for a remarkable project which came to fruition last August at a field centre in Hertfordshire.

There, a team of 28 teenagers from 21 countries sifted through offerings from the world's children. They chose worlds like this; and visual allegories of farm and factory, and disturbing images such as Miho Ochida's weeping whale struggling from a filthy ocean, eating junk against its will (pictured, page 3). They chose the best to illustrate a book (to be published on April 22, Earth Day) for the children of the world.

The pictures, the poems, the wishes expressed in the book represent the growing determination of the new generation that our abuse of the earth shall not blight their future.

The book, published in 14 languages, is called *Rescue Mission Planet Earth — A children's edition of Agenda 21*. That explanatory subtitle is important, because among the welter of "green" books for children — some of them good, some preachy, others hysterical and depressing, and many just empty catchpenny projects of which the publishers ought to be ashamed — it has a unique status. *Rescue Mission* is approved by the United Nations, has been presented in advance to Unesco delegates in Paris, and considers itself a truly global and youthfully challenging translation of Agenda 21: the closing resolution of the Rio Earth Summit.

Agenda 21, signed after much blustering by 179 states, is a blueprint for action: long-term, sustainable, expensive action to arrest environmental degradation. But since the concept of long-term action is unwelcome to most adult politicians, it was necessary to communicate the agenda to tomorrow's world leaders — who may, right now, be only seven or eight years old. So a group of children not much older have encapsulated its message in a book for them, in hope.

The result is the most comprehensible thing to come so far out of the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio. Because, of course, at the time, the Rio Summit must have sounded to any right-minded child just as tired, ill-tempered, unconstructive and plain boring an event as any political meeting.

Continued on page 3
Plus: create a picture and win Nintendo prizes



CHOICE

The Times critics select the best entertainment for an evening out and, on page 23, day trips for the whole family

DANCE

John Percival

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: The last chance for two months to see any ballet at the Royal Opera House. David Bintley's new *Sylvia* has Ravenna Tucker in the title role this afternoon, Miyako Yoshida tonight, and Sandra Madgwick on Monday. Marion Tait plays Lizzie Bordon in Agnes de Mille's highly dramatic *Fall River Legend* Wednesday to Friday, on a bill with Balanchine's marvellously lyrical *Serenade* and MacMillan's jokey *Elite Syncopations*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). Saturday 2, 2pm and 7pm, Monday 4 and Wednesday 6 to Friday 8, 7.30pm.

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY: Funding restrictions prevent the *Scottish Ballet from appearing in* London but this week finds them only a short journey away in Oxford. The delectable Daria Klimentova dances Aurora Thursday and next Saturday, Yurie Shinohara takes the part on Tuesday and Saturday afternoon, and ex-Bolshoi guest Ludmilla Semenyaka on Wednesday and Friday.
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865 244544), Tuesday 5 to Saturday 9, 7.30pm; matinee Saturday 9, 2pm.

CLASSICAL

Richard Morrison

BOURNEMOUTH AT 100: The only thing marring the centenary celebrations for the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra is the desperate financial straits in which all the British regional orchestras currently find themselves. Otherwise, the south coast's orchestra has hit a timely purple patch under its conductor Andrew Litton. About to embark on an American tour that takes in Carnegie Hall, it warms up with this high-voltage programme that includes Yefim *Bronfman playing Rachmaninov's* Third Piano Concerto (a far meatier work than the ubiquitous Second), and Shostakovich's massive and powerful Eighth Symphony.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), Thursday 7, 7.30pm.

AMERICAN SERIES: The Philharmonia Orchestra, conducted by the estimable maestro of St Louis, Leonard Slatkin, has embarked on a series of American music concerts. Wednesday's programme moves from the exuberance of Copland's *Rodeo* (the Four Dance Episodes), through the elegiac lyricism of Barber's Cello Concerto to Bernstein's flawed but fascinating *Songfest*: a song cycle



Conductor Leonard Slatkin

that ostensibly celebrated the 1976 American Bicentennial, but in fact strongly emphasised the discontented poetry of oppressed minorities in American society. The first-rate vocal line-up includes Willard White and Thomas Hampson.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Wednesday 6, 7.30pm.

OPERA

Rodney Milnes

TURANDOT: When another week in London offers only the already much performed or the as-yet to be unveiled, operatic truffle-hounds could with advantage point their snouts westwards, not least to Cardiff for one of the Welsh National Opera's few remaining performances this season of Puccini's unfinished masterpiece. The producer Christopher Alden at least takes the piece seriously, setting it in this century and bringing its unsettlingly irrational power-play closer to our experience. If he fails quite to plug the dramaturgical hole left by its *unfinished state, he at least tries.* The WNO chorus and orchestra are on spiffing form for their music director Carlo Rizzi, and there is lusty singing from Mary Jane Johnson, Edmund Barham and Patricia Racette.
New Theatre, Park Street, Cardiff (0222 394844), Friday 8, 7.15pm.

L'ELISIR D'AMORE: English Touring Opera resumes its spring tour in Yeovil with a repertory that includes Stephen Medcalf's production of Donizetti's comedy, modest in aim but stirling in achievement. The updating to a *Grapes of Wrath* Mid West works nicely enough but, more important, the tricky balance between comedy and sentiment is exactly caught.
Octagon Theatre, Hendford, Yeovil (0935 22884), Wednesday 6 and Friday 8, 7.30pm.

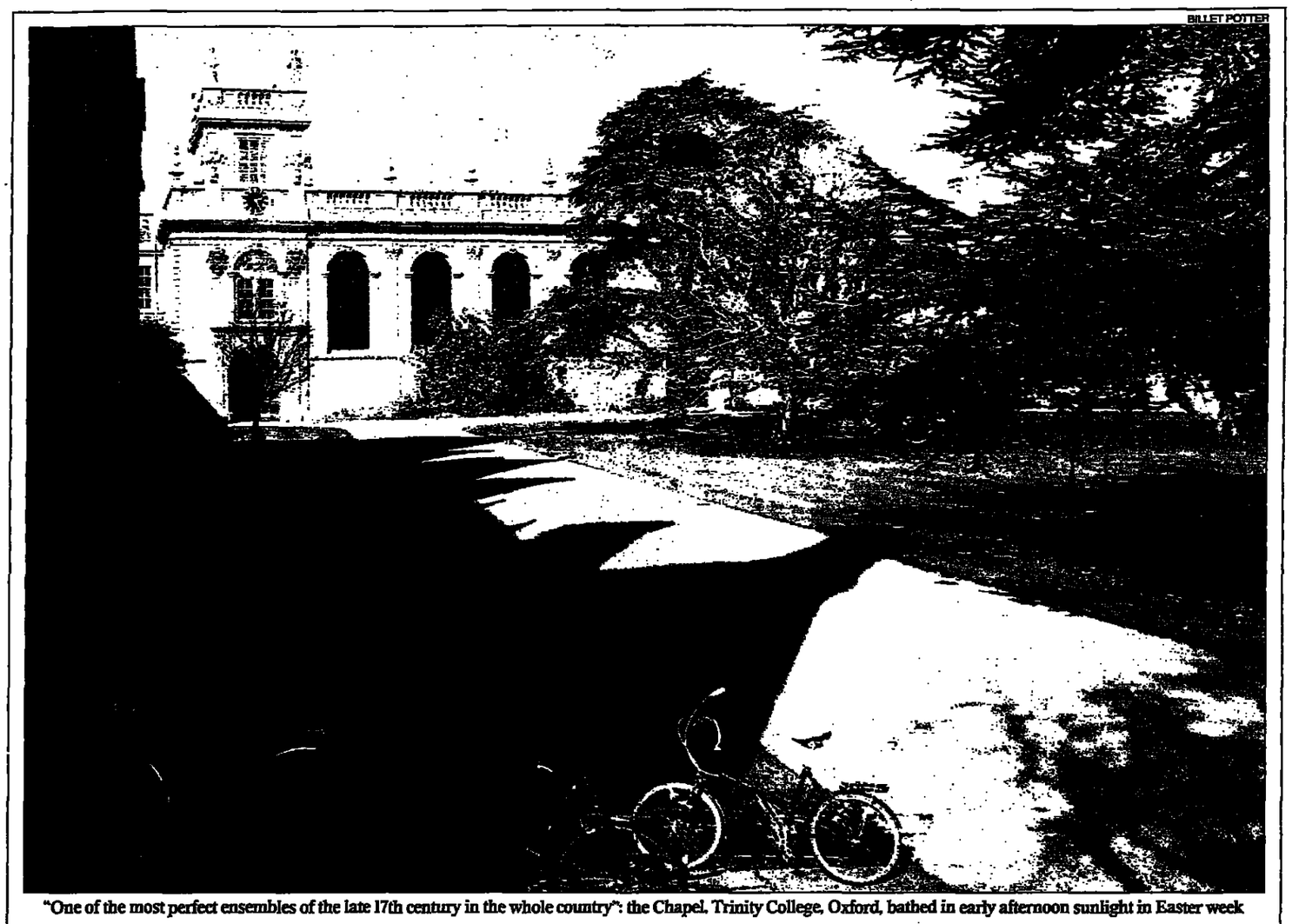
THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

HOT SHOE SHUFFLE: Forget the story, an idiot affair involving a legacy and an octet of siblings beside whom Disney's Seven Dwarfs seem like giants of Aristotelian philosophy. Tolerate the shouting and the heavily miked songs. Go for the tip-top tap, put over with verve and skill by a visiting Australian cast.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (071-494 5040). Monday to Saturday, 8pm; matinees, Wednesday and Saturday, 3pm.

THE CHEATING HEARTS: A pretty village girl and her rustic swain hold out when an amorous prince offers them bribes to renounce each other — but what happens when the pressures get slyer, more subtly Gallic? Marivaux's comedy, neatly transposed to a shoebox-sized theatre, makes a most educated entertainment.
Gate Theatre, 11 Pembridge Road, London W11 (071-229 0706). Monday to Saturday, 7.30pm.

● *More theatre, page 6*



BILLET POTTER

"One of the most perfect ensembles of the late 17th century in the whole country": the Chapel, Trinity College, Oxford, bathed in early afternoon sunlight in Easter week

AT YOUR SERVICE

Divine blend of ancient and modern

Ruth Gledhill seizes a rare opportunity to attend a sung evening eucharist at Oxford's famous baroque Trinity Chapel



TO ENTER the dark, carved, baroque interior of the Chapel, Trinity College, described as "one of the most perfect ensembles of the late 17th century in the whole country" by Pevsner's architectural guide, is to encounter a world at the same time ancient and modern. Later this month the chapel celebrates the 300th anniversary of its consecration.

Before we began, Sue Williams, the chaplain's wife, lit the candles that run along the pews and which are still used as the main source of light. As we stood among the shadows in the deep oak stalls on each side of the chapel, the carvings, thought to be by Grinling Gibbons, seemed to take on a life of their own in the flickering candlelight amid the descending darkness. The lustrous effect created by the combination of carved walnut, pear, lime and *Juniperus bermudiana*, the latter described by one early traveller as "sweet like Cedar", beneath a magnificent painting of the Ascension by Berchet, helped evoke an obscure longing for ancient catholic and academic *tradition*.

Outside, statues on the tower representing Geometry, Astronomy, Theology and Medicine stood guard over a scene of relaxed informality. And worship here also included some surprising *challenges to tradition. The well*-schooled choir was not the usual one of boys and men, but mixed male and female voices, including a woman deacon, the Rev Sue Irwin, from Kidlington, who is due to be ordained priest later this *month*. The chaplain fellow, Trevor Williams, narrowly defeated an opponent of women priests to represent the university's Anglican clergy on the general synod.

Mr Williams is one of two remaining chaplains who have part of their salaries paid out of the Common University Fund. As an elected fellow of Trinity, he is a full member of the governing body and also tutors in theology, specialising in doctrine.

Coincident with the tercentenary of the chapel's consecration, the governing body has created a fund in the name of Austin Farrer, a distinguished priest and theologian who was chaplain of Trinity from 1935-1960, and donations are being sought. The preacher at our service was Leslie Houlden, who succeeded Farrer as chaplain in 1960, is now professor of theology at King's College, London, and recently edited a book of Farrer's sermons. Mr Williams succeeded *Professor Houlden in 1970.*

He began by announcing details of the Farrer Appeal. "His writings include works of a great theological and philosophical significance and also of a profound spirituality," he said.

The chaplain continued: "I would like to invite all to come and receive communion who can do so with sincerity, with some sense of its meaning. Some of you may *prefer not to, in which case you are* invited to come to the altar for a blessing or stay seated."

Professor Houlden, in his sermon, said: "Farrer was a many-sided genius, but oddly difficult to place. Everybody admits his brilliance, but you search indexes in vain for references to his work. And this was true whether you think of his philosophical writings or of his dazzling but strange books on the gospel of Mark and the revelation of John."

Farrer made his name by his sermons, he said. "Preaching was for Farrer no light task. It was not a mere adjunct to the business of writing academic books. He took very seriously the charge of pastor."

Sung eucharist in the evening is a rare treat at an Oxford college, evensong being more common. The congregation, mainly undergraduates and postgraduates, included a handful of Roman *Catholics, such as Paul Rozario,* an undergraduate from Singapore reading law, who is chapel secretary, and Daniel Seward, an undergraduate reading philosophy and theology, who led the intercessionary prayers. Most wore *gowns, a mixture of the full*-length scholar's gown and the abbreviated commoner's variety. At the west end sat the college president, Sir John Burgh, former director of the British Council, with his wife Ann. Professor Houlden sat in the equivalent stall across the aisle. The chapel, which seats 120, felt intimate, and seemed well-filled by the choir of about 16 and the congregation, of a similar size.

The college was founded by Sir Thomas Pope in 1555 but our service marked the beginning of the 300th anniversary celebrations of the consecration of the present chapel, rebuilt under Ralph Bathurst, president of Trinity from 1664-1704. Later this month the Bishop of Winchester, the Right Rev Colin James, will preach at the main celebration.

In our intercessions, Mr Seward led us in prayer for the Queen, and for all victims of war, especially in Bosnia, Somalia and Northern Ireland. "May God protect them from men's arrogance and crime, and bring them peace and justice," he said.

He prayed that "we may receive *the grace to follow Christ in* resisting temptation", leaving at the end a few seconds of silence to "pray for our own private intentions". The "peace" was refreshingly old-fashioned, and in the preparation of the bread and wine Mr Williams used blessings offered as an alternative to those in the *Alternative Service Book*. Over the bread he said: "Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer . . . it will become for us the bread of life." The wine, in a pre-Reformation silver gilt chalice, was "fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink." As the light finally faded outside, the candles flickered more brightly, lightening our darkness as we headed home.

● *Sunday services term time only: 9am Holy Communion, 6pm Evensong (Sung Eucharist once a term)*

☐ Trinity College, Broad St, Oxford, OX1 3BH (0865 279886).

CHAPLAIN FELLOW: The Rev Trevor Williams.

ARCHITECTURE: The modest exterior masks a breathtaking the masterpiece of English baroque inside. The college sought the advice of Sir Christopher Wren for what became the first chapel in Oxford to be designed on pure classical principles, built between 1691 and 1694.★★★★★

SERMON: Professor Leslie Houlden, of King's College London, preached on Austin Farrer, a chaplain fellow of Trinity from 1935-60, in whose name a fund is being created.★★★★

MUSIC: Organ scholar Thomas Kell and assistant Sarah Rawling directed a mixed choir through sung Holy Communion.★★★★

LITURGY: The modern Rite A for Holy Communion from the *Alternative Service Book*, with some authorised improvements.

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Orange juice or sherry, and an invitation to dine.★★★★

SPIRITUAL HIGH: Calming to take communion in such surroundings.★★★★

★ Stars are awarded up to a *maximum of 5*

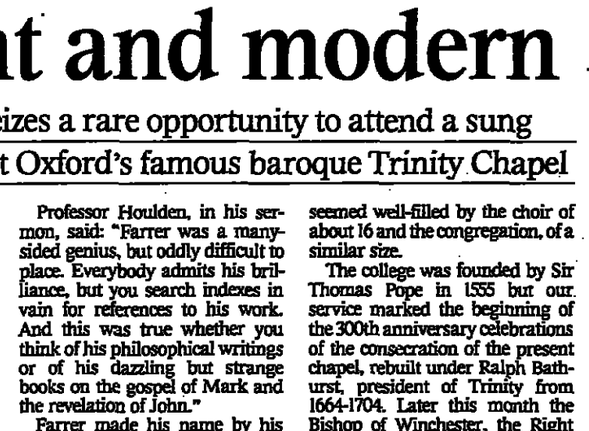
Easter services in Oxford include the Easter liturgy with a voluntary choir, 9pm today, at Christ Church Cathedral. The Bishop of Oxford will preach at matins there at 10am on Easter Day. Eucharist is at 11.15am.

FILMS

Geoff Brown

BACKBEAT (15): The story of Stuart Sutcliffe, the mysterious "fifth Beatle" during their Hamburg fling in 1960, was a natural for movie exploitation, and this bouncy British film from the producers of *The Crying Game* makes for toe-tapping viewing. There is one problem: the film's dominant personality, John Lennon (played by Ian Hart), is not the film's major character. No disrespect, though, to America's Stephen Dorff, who brings Sutcliffe's dreamy art student into as much focus as the script allows. Debut director Iain Softley does a creditable job, but what makes this film enjoyable is the evocation of the time, the place and the bohemian characters that helped turn five – no, four – Liverpool rockers into the Beatles.
Odeon West End (0426 915574)

THE SCENT OF GREEN PAPAYA (U): A Saigon servant girl's path to maturity in the 1950s and early 1960s, exquisitely observed by a new French-Vietnamese director, Tran Anh Hung. The studio set is one of the world's wonders: a labyrinthine series of rooms, choked with ornaments, plants, lizards and mouth-watering food. But people matter, too, and you watch with awe as Tran's French immigrant actors recreate their



John (Ian Hart), left, and Stuart (Stephen Dorff) from *Backbeat*

homeland's social rituals.
Electric (071-792 2020/0328) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

● *More films, page 6*

GALLERIES

Richard Cork

MARKUS RAETZ: Coolly concocted conjuring tricks fill the Serpentine Gallery in a survey of leading Swiss artist Markus Raetz. Viewed from one angle, some of his works made with twigs or leaves seem abstract and random. But then, from another vantage, they suddenly become *identifiable*. Whether the image is of a female nude or cherubs' heads, the result is clever and entertaining. Children are bound to savour the work of a man who can turn bottles into glasses, and a man into a rabbit.
Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, W2 (071-402 6075), daily, 10am-6pm, until April 24.

CARO'S TROJAN WAR: The grand old man of British sculpture celebrates his 70th birthday with a double helping of shows. At Kenwood House, he fills the Orangery to bursting-point with 38 new sculptures evoking the Trojan War. At Amely Juda Fine Art, he reminds us of his previous career with a mini-retrospective of five decades' inventive achievement.
Kenwood House, Hampstead Lane, London NW3 (081-348 1286), daily, 10am-3.30pm, until April 6, and **Amely Juda Fine Art**, Dering Street, London W1 (071-629 7578). Monday to Friday, 10am-5.30pm, Saturday, 10am-1pm, until May 7.

MUSEUMS

John Russell Taylor

I DREAM OF PEACE: Despite the name, the Imperial War Museum is little if at all given to sabre rattling these days: far more of its displays are concerned with the horrors of war and desirability of peace. *This show is a case in point.* Paintings and drawings by the children of former Yugoslavia would no doubt be touching anyway, but this collection surprisingly often shows artistic talent elicited and focused by the emotional impact of the civil war *on the young* artists.
Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 (071-416 5000), daily, 10am-6pm, until April 17.

EXPRESSION THROUGH FORM: John Downton (1906-1991) was an art historian first, then a painter. All of his work is impregnated with his knowledge of and admiration for Renaissance Italian art, and much of its curious effect comes from the dislocation between the antique style of painting and tempera and the modernity of the types he paints. Though he exhibited regularly at the Royal Academy, he was virtually forgotten towards the end of his life, and this memorial show restores to view at the very least an engaging eccentric.
Herbert Museum and Art Gallery, Jordan Well, Coventry (0203 832381), *Monday to Saturday*, 10am-5.30pm, Sunday, 2-5pm, until April 24.

JAZZ

Clive Davis

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK: Do not be deterred by the occasional right-on slogan and radical poses: Bernice Reagon's all-female accapella gospel group re*mains a remarkably uplifting* spiritual experience. The ensemble, originally an off-shoot of the Civil Rights movement, performs an ecumenical programme of traditional church hymns, 1960s-era marching songs and contemporary state-of-the-nation numbers. "Sweet honey" is an apt description for the sumptuous Afro-American harmonies. Appearing here as part of the Motorola Festival of American Music, the group celebrated its 20th anniversary last year.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Saturday 2, 7.45pm.

CASSANDRA WILSON: There was a time when it seemed that Cassandra Wilson's distinctively smoky voice was going to be buried forever amidst the clanking and screaming of an ultra-hip backing group. Fortunately *Blue Light 'Til Dawn*, her debut recording for Blue Note last year, signalled a shift towards a lighter and less cluttered sound. Pitched somewhere between Sarah Vaughan and Betty Carter, Mississippi-born Wilson is a jazz singer with attitude, just as happy to sing Joni Mitchell as Irving Berlin.
Jazz Café, Parkway, London NW1 (071-916 6000), Thursday 7 to Saturday 9, 7pm. **Ronnie Scott's**, Broad Street, Birmingham (021-643 4525), Sunday 10, 7.30pm.



Jazz singer Cassandra Wilson

David Sinclair

SOUND CITY 94: Previously located in Norwich and Sheffield, this consistently ambitious event *now descends on Glasgow. Most* of the big action takes place at the Tramway, Albert Drive (041-227 5511), including shows by Kristin Hersh and Throwing Muses (Monday), Therapy? (Tuesday), M-People (Wednesday), Inspiral *Carpets (Thursday) and Texas (Sat*urday). But there is lots going on elsewhere. King Tut's Wah Wah Hut, St Vincent Street (041-221 5279) will be showcasing new Scottish talent all week, and the Mitchell Theatre will present performances *by acoustic bands and songwriters* including Michelle Shocked, Martin Stephenson and Dolores Keane. There are club nights (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) at the Glasgow School of Art, Renfrew Street (041-353 4500), and the stage *outside the HMV shop in* Sauchiehall Street will provide a focal point for the festival as a whole. Tickets and information for all venues available from:
The Ticket Centre, Candleriggs or by credit card (041-227 5511). Monday 4 to Saturday 9.

COUNTING CROWS: It was about this time last year that the Spin Doctors played their first UK show at the tiny Borderline club (capacity 275). In October they sold out three nights at the 4,200-capacity Brixton Academy. Now San Francisco's Counting Crows are poised to make their British debut at the Borderline, and if the moody genius of their album *August and Everything After* is anything to go by, they will find themselves on a similarly fast track to much bigger things. Although the band's country-tinged rock'n'roll is plainly influenced by Van Morrison, John Mellencamp and Gram Parsons, the Crows' singer and chief songwriter Adam Duritz seems to pour *every ounce* of his soul into performing and has already forged a distinct identity of his own. Best catch them now. They won't be playing such intimate venues for long.
Borderline, Orange Yard, off Manette Street, London WC2 (071-734 2095), Tuesday 5, 8pm. **Forum**, Highgate Road, London NW5 (071-284 2200) Friday 22, 8pm.

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

Robin Young in a serious shopper's paradise

Bargains to go for in France

Later this month, in the most telling decampment of the British drinks trade to date, Sainsbury's opens its first shop in mainland Europe. Ensconced in the shopping mall attached to the Mammouth hypermarket in Calais, the No 1 target for a daily invasion of British shoppers on so-called "booze cruises" to France, J Sainsbury Bières, Vins et Spiritueux *will limit itself* to selling some 250 beers wines and spirits, including Sainsbury's own labels.

Pick a few well-chosen bargains there by all means, but a day-trip shopping expedition to France should *not just be about getting £600 savings* in the form of assorted inebriants packed into the back of a Transit van.

Detailed planning and *stamina* are needed to get the best out of a day trip. From the moment you step ashore it can be a race against time, particularly if you want to stop for lunch. The serious shopper certainly cannot afford to be trapped in the tangle of shopping carts barring access to the cheap wine shelves while fellow Brits mull the merits of probably quite deplorable Gros Plant and Muscadet.

The foraging shopping party should be able to turn its attention to food and beyond without having to budge outside the hypermarket. Items which are famously less expensive in France than Britain include perfumes and toiletries, cast-iron cooking pots (about £40 in France for one costing £65 in Britain), crystal glasses and tumblers (£26.50 in France for a set costing £75 in Britain), decorative melamine trays (£5 instead of £8), women's suede boots (£30 in France, about £45 in Britain), soft toys (about a third to a half dearer here) and babywear (a French romper *suit at little more than £15 seems just as* good as a British one at £20).

My wife delights in hunting through French fashion shops. Léonard, Ted Lapidus, Tiktiner, Rodier and other famous labels are to be found in boutiques in all the large Channel ports at prices unknown in Britain. She also discovered that French wool shops not only sell better colours, but often have ready hand-knitted samples of their sweaters and cardigans.

My past purchases in France have included wallpaper, curtain poles, furnishing fabrics, fish kettles, an SEB pressure cooker, non-stick frying pans, copper-bottomed saucepans and chef's knives, porcelain, a Gien dinner service, and a serviceable set of workmen's blue overalls.

The bargains I have seen other people bringing home have included *garden chairs*, a *Petit Godin stove*, a concrete mixer, and a racing bike.

The British do not have much to teach the French about the finer points of consumerism, which serves as a reminder to take time to stock up with some of the better things in life. These could include oysters and caviare (best transported home in a well-insulated cool bag with an ice block to keep them fresh) and champagne. Do not despise hypermarket champagne: at about £8.50 a bottle, even the cheapest tastes surprisingly good if you lay it down for nine months to a year before drinking.

My regular food shopping list on trips to France includes speciality mustards, vintage (*millesimé*) sardines in extra virgin olive oil, tins of *cassoulet, tripes, confit* of duck and *choucroute* (Delpeyrat and La Belle Chaurienne are reliable brands), experimental purchases such as bottled *gizzards in goose fat or tins of Russian* smoked sprats, and a selection of French biscuits including buttery *galettes and crunchy pain d'amandes*.

Herbal *infusions* (more varieties are available than in most British supermarkets), such as soothing camomile, refreshing *tilleul*, tasty *verveine*, and invigorating *menthe*, are another regular purchase. I also gather up Provençal honey and the jams made with fruit varieties little known in Britain, such as mirabelles, *myrtilles*, Reine Claude greengages, and *confiture* of chestnuts.

It is the French hypermarkets which also keep me supplied with mesh nets full of dried beans, such as *flageolets* and *chevriers*, and boxes of *appellation controlée* green lentils from Puy, while from the fresh produce stalls I buy baskets of "wild" *mushroom in varieties that* make our few *shiitake* and oyster mushrooms look pallid by comparison.

A lot of things in French shops are attractive not because they are cheaper but because they are difficult to find on this side of the Channel. Why should that even apply to something as elementary as *fécule de pomme de terre* (potato starch), which thickens soups and stews with more elegance than flour or cornflour?

Finally, there are some things which should *not* be bought at French hypermarkets. These include cakes, chocolates, cheeses, *charcuterie* and bread — all of which are infinitely better when bought from specialist shops. Prices may be higher there, but the money saved by buying the mass-produced lines is false economy.

Luxury shopping at airports, page 9



Robin Young laden with carefully chosen bargain buys during a visit to a French hypermarket

DAY-TRIPPER'S GUIDE TO THE CHANNEL PORTS

CALAIS

THE booze-cruise destination.

● **Sailings** from Dover: P&O (up *to 25 daily, 75min*), *Stena Sealink* (up to 25, 90min), Hoverspeed (14 hovercraft, 35min, and, Jun-Sept, six Seacats, 50min).

● **Hypermarkets**: Mammouth, Route de Boulogne, Calais-Ouest, 3km west on N1. Continent, Avenue Guynemer, east of Calais off Dunkerque road.

● **Recommended shops**: Maison du Fromage (cheeses), Rue André Gerschel, SW corner of Place d'Armes. Charcuterie *Bellynck*, 10 Rue Royale. Epiceries Pierre Florent, Boulevard Jacquard, (S of Town Hall). Au Bec Fin, Boulevard Lafayette, (E of theatre).

● **Recommended Restaurant**: Le Channel, 3 Boulevard Résistance *(21 34 42 30); need to book.*

DUNKERQUE

THE unprepossessing town is 12km from the port.

● **Sailings**: Sally Line from Ramsgate (five daily, 2½ hours).

● **Hypermarkets**: Auchan, on N1 by junction with A16 W. Cora, at Coudekerque-Branche toward Bergues. Carrefour, Petite-Synthe.

● **Recommended shops**: *the* best are along Rue Président Wilson and Rue Président Poincaré. Otherwise, shop in Malo-les-Bains (NW outskirts on N1) or go to the pâtisserie-chocolaterie Legros in Bergues.

● **Recommended restaurants**: Le Soubise, 49bis Route de Bergues, Coudekerque-Branche *(28 64 66 00)*. *Au Cornet d'Or*, 26 Rue Espagnole, Bergues, 8km S by D916 (28 68 66 27): Michelin-starred and smart. Best in the area: La Meunerie, 174 Rue Pierres, Teteghem (28 26 14 30): Michelin-starred and smarter.

BOULOGNE

CLOSER than Dieppe, better looking than Calais, and very well served with restaurants and shops. Excellent Saturday morning market. This is where French shopping connoisseurs go, even if they sail to Calais (it is only 20 *minutes* by car).

● **Sailings**: Hoverspeed Seacat from Folkestone (six daily, 55min).

● **Hypermarkets**: Auchan, St Martin-les-Boulogne, 7km out on St Omer road. Leclerc, ZI de la Liane, 2km toward Paris, N1.

● **Recommended shops**: Charcuterie Bourgeois, 1 Grande Rue. Fromagerie Philippe Olivier, 43 *Rue Thiers*.

● **Recommended restaurants**: Le Doyen, 11 Rue Doyen, (off Place Dalton) (21 30 13 08): tiny, pretty and crowded; must book. Chez Jules, Place Dalton (21 31 54 12): convivial brasserie. L'Huitrière, 11 *Place Lorraine (21 31 35 27)*; modest fish restaurant. Best in town: La Liégoise, 10 Rue Monsigny (21 31 61 15): good value lunch menus. Best in the area: Relais de la Brocante, Wimille, 8km toward Calais (21 *83 19 31)*.

DIEPPE

THE most French and attractive of all the Channel ports, with excellent shops all along the Grande Rue and one of the best markets in Normandy on Saturday mornings.

● **Sailings**: *Stena Sealink from* Newhaven (four daily, four hours).

● **Hypermarkets**: Mammouth, off road to Rouen. Leclerc, off D925 toward Eu and Le Treport.

● **Recommended shops**: Pâtisserie Divernet, 138 Grande Rue. Chocolaterie Ratel, 115 Grande Rue. Charcuteries: C Beguet, 22 *Grande Rue* (close to ferry terminal); Cabouret 111 Grande Rue (next to Ratel). Epicerie (cheese and fine groceries): Claude Olivier, 18 Rue St-Jacques. Bakers: Au Bon Pain de Campagne, corner of Rue de Clieu: Flahaut, 147 Grande Rue.

● **Recommended restaurants**: Le Sully, 97 Quai Henri-IV (35 84 23 13); best on the quay. Marmite Dieppoise 8, Rue St-Jean (35 84 24 26): modest, traditional, reliable. Le Saint-Jacques, 12 Rue de l'Oranger (35 84 52 04): original. La Mélie, Grande Rue du Pollet (on the "wrong" side of the harbour bridge); a Michelin star.

LE HAVRE

Makes up in the quality of its shops for its lack of charm.

● **Sailings**: P&O from Portsmouth (three a day, *time from four hours daytime to* nine overnight).

● **Hypermarkets**: Auchan, *Mont Gaillard, in high town*, about 15min drive from port.

● **Recommended shops**: Charcuterie and Epicerie Lefévre, 127 Rue Victor-Hugo.

● **Recommended restaurants**: Le Montagné, 50-52 Quai M-Féré (35 42 77 44); light, subtle fish cookery. La Petite Auberge, 32 Rue Ste-Adresse (35 46 27 32); generous lunch menus. Yves Page, 7 Place Clemenceau, Sainte-Adresse (35 46 06 09); classical cuisine; overlooks sea.

CAEN

A FINE French city, but better for sightseers than shoppers.

● **Sailings**: Brittany Ferries from Portsmouth (three a day, six hours).

● **Hypermarkets**: Continent, Boulevard Maréchal Juin. Carrefour, Commercial *St-Clair*.

● **Recommended shops**: Pâtisserie Stifler, 72 Rue St-Jean. *Chocolatier Temoins, 69 Rue St-Pierre*. Aux Fromages de France (cheeses), 116 Rue St-Jean.

● **Recommended restaurants**: La Bourride, 15-17 Rue du Vaugueux (31 93 50 76): two Michelin stars; has the best cooking near any Channel port. Daniel Tuboeuf, 8 Rue Buquet (31 43 64 48); good. L'Ile Flottante at *Fleury-sur-Orne*, 4km S on D562 (31 52 15 52); excellent, convivial inn beside a river.

FERRIES

Brittany Ferries (0705 827701). Hoverspeed (0304 240241), P&O (0304 2144Z2). Sally Line (081-858 1127 or 0843-595522). Stena Sealink (0233 647047)



Weeping whale swallowing rubbish, by Miho Uchida



Continued from page 1

Although its subject was the perennial freshness, diversity and preciousness of the world, the headlines it generated were the usual sour stuff. They were about rivalry, power, and in-fighting: "Defiant Bush *says no apology*", or "Chalker defies Major on aid". There were mutterings about the *whole summit being a great* PR jaunt, cynically substituted for action: there were send-ups and walk-outs. At one point the sound equipment in the chamber was cut off because of an unpaid bill; at another moment, the official youth delegation was arrested by the UN police for holding an "illegal press conference". By way of a sideshow there was a vicious little row inside the Bush administration about someone leaking a compromise formula on the biodiversity treaty.

You see what I mean? Hell on wheels. Enough to make any endangered species jump off the nearest cliff. Yet out of this summit did come "Agenda 21": a complicated, much-hedged "global plan of action" for the saving of the environment, signed by most of the world's leaders. It covered 500 pages, cost $195 (about £110) and was (still is, if you can find it) an appallingly tough read.

It cries out for a sympathetic but firm translation: so the *worldwide charitable trust* Peace Child International handed it over to a bunch of bright teenagers from 21 countries, shutting them up together for 28 days to boil it down and jazz it up.

One of them was Debbie O'Connor, of Stockton in Cleveland. She is only 16 now, starting four A-levels at sixth form college: she became involved through her school. "It was the sort of school where we made biology ponds and set up nature reserves and made links with schools in Kenya," she says. "We were made very aware that we could do things even if we were children, and that made us hopeful, not depressed."

There was a certain amount of giggling over the original Agenda. "We tore it to shreds; it was so boring, all the legal sentences and words put in so that nobody could understand it. And specially so nobody could ever say to them: 'Look, you promised, and you haven't done it.' So we just cut it down to what it was meant to mean".

> "We just cut the Agenda to what it was meant to mean"

They also added an embarrassingly frank page pointing out "black holes" not mentioned by the Agenda: matters concerning refugees, contraception, human rights, consumerism and multinationals.

They called in primary school children to make sure their first drafts were understandable and fun; and with broken English and scraps of other languages, talked among themselves. "The girl who had the worst English was the Russian, but she was an artist, so it didn't matter," Debbie says. "We went through tens and thousands of pictures and poems, in groups; really hard work. The best bit was Daniela, from Croatia, and Ivan, from Bosnia. We were worried about watching the news and things, and thought they'd quarrel, but they worked really well together."

So, at the teenagers' request, an extra chapter was added to the book, about war and militarism, edited by Ivan and Daniela. War, after all, degrades an environment faster than anything. The adults bottled out of that one, as the Gulf War was still on, but the children didn't.

Rescue Mission has backers in high places. Senator Al Gore, now US Vice-President, sent it a kindly message, calling it, "a worldwide monitoring system staffed by children". This cut little ice with Debbie and the rest. "Fine," they reply curtly in their introduction, "but we want to be able to *act* on that information."

Their determination is echoed among children wherever you go: whether on soil degradation and organic farming, sea pollution or the principle that the polluter pays: they are scornful of pretty books and fine words, of adult reservations and legal nit-picking.

Something genuinely different has happened in this generation: children have been made aware that they are — to quote the UN Secretary-General, Boutros Boutros Ghali, — always "the first victims both of underdevelopment and of environmental degradation: in all countries of the world, rich and poor, the first to suffer from poverty, malnutrition, disease and pollution".

The message has struck home. As this book shows, as the spirited children's contributions to the Environmental Film Festival last autumn showed, and as every school wall bears witness, even the most casually consuming children now have an awareness parents never had. That awareness may well turn into a new and — to us — slightly alarming set of priorities.

The chance of green issues taking a real primacy in international politics is stronger now than ever, because the new generation understands that it will cost some sacrifices. As Uduak Enefiok, from Nigeria, says in one poem: "To sit on the fence will bring no change".

● Rescue Mission Planet Earth — A children's edition of Agenda 21 *is published by Kingfisher Books on April 22, Earth Day, price £6.99. The book has been put together by Peace Child International, in association with the UN. The fee for the children's pictures reproduced here is being donated to the work of Peace Child.*

COMPETITION

A Nintendo for your art

WOULD you like to win a superb Nintendo painting prize and help environmental awareness? *The Times* wants more pictures about environmental issues and is inviting anyone aged between five and 15 to draw, paint, glue, or somehow display what they feel about the Earth in all its diversity, and how we treat it. Perhaps you can illustrate what your household or neighbourhood is doing to help the earth.

There will be three age groups, from 5 to 8 inclusive, 9 to 12 inclusive and 13 to 15 inclusive. Each age group winner will receive one Super Nintendo Entertainment System plus Mario Paint, which allows all ages and skills to draw, paint, animate and compose directly on screen. The overall winner will also receive Starwing and Plok games.

Send entries, with your name, address, age, date of birth and telephone number clearly marked on the back of the artwork to: The Times Environment Competition, PO Box 223, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 1YF, to arrive by not later than Friday, May 6.

The judging panel will include: David Woollcombe, the founder and president of Peace Child International; the writer and broadcaster Libby Purves; and David Driver, who is responsible for the design of *The Times*. Winners will be announced in Weekend on May 28.

While every attempt will be made to take care of artwork, *The Times* cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to entries.





The Suffolk Punch and Punch Classic from Qualcast are the perfect answer to a perfect lawn finish. Mowing couldn't be easier. The Punch Classic is powered by an energy efficient electric motor, whilst the Suffolk Punch has a lean, 114cc petrol engine with electronic ignition.

With self-propulsion, set the speed to suit your pace, all you have to do is steer. To give your lawn a bowling green finish, all Punch models feature precision ground cylinder blades with variable cutting heights, and a heavy steel roller ensures long lasting traditional stripes. For those occasions when you need to cut longer grass, all of the Punches come with easy-fit side wheels. Whether you choose the petrol or electric Punch, you'll be assured of a lawn to be proud of.

But if you need yet another reason to own a Qualcast Punch then read on ....

Buy a Qualcast Punch now and win a full cash refund.

Simply buy a Qualcast Suffolk Punch or Punch Classic **before 30th June 1994** and complete the coupon below, putting the five Qualcast Punch facts (A, B, C, D & E) into order of importance. Send the coupon and your purchase receipt to: Qualcast Punch Offer, Dept No. QP697, PO Box 195, Tring, Herts HP23 4JF **by 15th July 1994.** Photocopies will not be accepted.

If your choice matches that of our panel of Qualcast owners – the real experts on the qualities of Qualcast – we'll send you a cheque for the full amount you paid. Winners will be notified in writing **by 30th July 1994.** The panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Qualcast do not accept any responsibility for coupons lost or received after the closing date. Offer only available in the British Isles. For a list of winners, and/or you would like your purchase receipt returned please send a SAE to the coupon address.

To: Qualcast Punch Offer, Dept No. QP697, PO Box 195, Tring, Herts HP23 4JF. Put the five Qualcast Punch facts in order of importance (eg. if statement C is, in your opinion, the most important, write C next to 1): 1. ☐ 2. ☐ 3. ☐ 4. ☐ 5. ☐

Name:_____

Address:_____

P. TI _____ Post Code:_____

Product: Suffolk Punch or Punch Classic _____ *Amount Paid £* _____

Shop purchased from: _____ Town:_____

QUALCAST Quality • Choice • Value
Qualcast gives you more

Promoter: Atco-Qualcast Ltd, Suffolk Works, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 1EY.

TO ADVERTISE
CALL: 071 481 1920

ENTERTAINMENTS

FAX:
071 481 9313

CLASSICAL CONCERTS

SOUTH BANK

Tel/CC 071-928 8800 10am–9pm daily *Regd Charity

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

Sun 3 Apr 7.30	**VIVALDI: THE FOUR SEASONS.** English Chamber Orch, I Watson, S Gonley. With Handel Arrival of the Queen of Sheba; *Mozart Eine kleine Nachtmusik; Piano Concerto, K.467.* £21.50, £19.50, £17.50, £15.50, £11.50, £8.50, £6.50 R Gubbay
Mon 4 Apr 7.30	**KENT COUNTY YOUTH ORCHESTRA** Alan Vincent, Robin Green. KC Singers, Gravesham Choral Scty, K Youth Choir, KC Junior Choir. Saint-Saëns Sym No.3 (Organ); Berlioz Te Deum. Spons: Network SouthEast. £11, £10, £9, £8, £6.50, £4.50 *KCYO
Tue 5 Apr 7.00	**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SIR NEVILLE!** Academy of St.Martin in the Fields, Sir Neville Marriner, Alfred Brendel, Sylvia McNair, Andrew Marriner. Works by Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Schubert & Elgar. £30, £25, £20, £15, £10, £7.50, £5 *ASM (Orch) Ltd
Wed 6 Apr 7.30	**PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA** Motorola Festival of American Music. Leonard Slatkin (cond), Thomas Hampson, Willard White. Copland Rodeo; Barber Cello Conc; Bernstein Songfest. £28, £22, £17, £10, £5, £4 *Phil Ltd
Thu 7 Apr 7.30	**THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC** Resident at the RFH. Bernard Haitink (cond) Felicity Lott (sop) Barber Adagio for *strings; Strauss 4 Last Songs; Tchaikovsky Sym No.6 (Pathétique)* Spons: Mrs Jackie Rosenfeld. £28, £20, £17, £13, £8, £5 *Lon Phil

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Sat 2 Apr 7.45	**SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK** The Motorola Festival of American Music. This stunning female group returns to the raw roots of the gospel tradition. £15, £10, £8, £5 *Philharmonia Ltd
Sun 3 Apr 7.45	**THE MIND OF MUSIC** Medici String Qtet & friends, J Brymer. 1st in 4-pt series exploring links between music & mind. Haydn Qtet, Op.103; Brahms Clar Qntet, Op.115; Mendelssohn Octet. £13, £10, £6.50, £5 Last 2 perfs in PR 26/4, 10/5. G Ivor Ass/Classic FM
Mon 4 Apr 7.45	**OPERA GALA: MOZART & ROSSINI** London Soloists Ch Orch, Josefowitz (cond) Bern, Vassiliou (sops) Stewart (ten) Koc, Salvatori (btones) Tomasson (bass) Highlights of Don Giovanni, Figaro, Magic Flute, & Barber of Seville. £14, £12, £9, £7 *LSCO
Tue 5 Apr 7.45	**NASH ENSEMBLE** Motorola Festival of American Music. *P Daniel* (cond), Thomas Hampson (bar), John Wallace (trmpt), Jane Marshall (cor ang). Works by Copland, Barber, Ives & Harbison. £15, £10, £8, £5 *Philharmonia Ltd
Wed 6 Apr 7.45	**RICHARD GOODE** (pno) Beethoven Sonata Cycle Beethoven Sonatas in E flat, Op.7; in D minor, Op.31 No.2 (Tempest); in E minor, Op.90; in E flat, Op.81a (Lebewohl) £16, £13, £11, £8, £6 Intermusica Artists' Management Ltd
Thu 7 Apr 7.45	**ORQUESTRA DE CAMBRA TEATRE LLIURE** Falla El Corregidor y la Molinera; Concerto para clave y cinco instrumentos solistas; El amor brujo (1915 ver for chamber orch) Sponsors: Banco Santander/The Royal Bank of Scotland. £13, £10, £8, £6 *SAF

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL
WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 7.45pm

ATTENDED BY HRH THE PRINCE EDWARD CVO

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS

Howard Shelley *conductor/soloist*

MOZART Symphony No.35 in D 'Haffner'
MOZART Piano Concerto No.22 K482
HONEGGER Symphony No.4

£8 - £18 BOX OFFICE/CC 071-928 8800
Haydn-Mozart Society (Reg Charity)

WIGMORE HALL

36 Wigmore Street London W1H 0BP
Director William Lyne MBE
Box Office 071 935 2141
Mailing List £6
LONDON ARTS BOARD

Saturday 2 April 7.30 pm	TRIO WANDERER — Master Concert. Haydn: Piano Trio in A HXV:18; Mendelssohn: Trio No 2 in C minor Op 66; Schubert: Trio in B flat D898. £17, £9, £7, £5 HoM
Sunday 3 April 11.30 am NB: starting time	TRIO WANDERER. Sunday Morning Coffee Concert. Haydn: Piano Trio in C HXV:27; Brahms: Trio in B Op.8. £5 including programme and coffee/sherry/juice
Tuesday 5 April 1.05 pm NB: starting time	SUSAN GRITTON soprano, ANDREW WEST piano. Lunchtime Concert. Schumann: Liederkreis Op.39; Songs by Fauré, Hahn and Bizet. £3 (concs £1) YCAT
Tuesday 5 April 7.30 pm	GRANT FOSTER piano. Popular works by Chopin, Debussy, Foster, Grieg, Liszt, Rakhmaninov and Ravel. In celebration of the Centenary of Harrods Piano Salon. £15.00, £12.50, £9.50, £6.50 Presented by Harrods, Knightsbridge
Wednesday 6 April 6.00 pm NB: starting time	GUILDHALL STRING ENSEMBLE — RUSH HOUR CONCERT. Variations on an Elizabethan theme *Sellingers Round* by Britten, Tippett, Berkeley, Searle, Oldham and Walton, interspersed with Dag Wirén: Serenade; Grieg: 2 Melodies; Finzi: Romance. All seats £8. Wigmore Hall / BBC Radio 3
Wednesday 6 April 9.00 pm NB: starting time	ANTHONY PIKE clarinet, THEA KING piano. Devienne: Sonata No.2; Saint-Saëns: Sonata Op.167; Ireland: Fantasy-Sonata; Denisov: Solo Sonata; Brahms: Sonata in E flat Op.120 No.2; Cossetto: Csárdás Kompositionen. £10, £8, £6, £4 English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society
Thursday 7 April 7.30 pm	JO ANN PICKENS soprano, DONALD SULZEN piano. RED, WHITE AND BLUE. Rameau: Arias from *Dardanus* and *L'Impatience*; Songs by Saint-Saëns, Roussel, Barber and Ives. 5 Songs by African-Americans. £9.00, £7.50, £6.00, £4.50 Management: Caton Communications
Friday 8 April 7.30 pm	MARIA BAYO soprano, JUAN-ANTONIO ALVAREZ PAREJO piano. Canteloube: 7 Songs from the Auvergne; Obradors: 7 classical Spanish Songs; Falla: Tus Ojillos negros; Granados: Canciones amatorias. £9.00, £7.50, £6.00, £4.50. Spanish Arts Festival/Spons. Alfred Dunhill
Saturday 9 April 7.30 pm	BORIS BEREZOVSKY piano. Rakhmaninov: 3 Etudes-tableaux Op.39; Rakhmaninov: Sonata No 1 in D minor Op.28; *Medtner: 10 Fairy Tales; Sonata reminiscenza Op.38 No.1*. £12, £10, £8, £5 Chiroscience Ltd Hazard Chase Management

MILTON KEYNES CITY ORCHESTRA

Hilary Devan Wetton *conductor*
– Steven Lubin *piano* –

MALCOLM ARNOLD (arr.Steptoe)
Variations on a Ukrainian folk-song Op.9 *(Lond prem)*

BEETHOVEN
Piano Concerto No.2

MOZART
Symphony No.40

SAMUEL WESLEY
Symphony No.5

LENNOX BERKELEY
Serenade

St John's Smith Square, SW1
Monday 11th April 7.30 pm
£11, £8, £6 Box Office/CC 071-222 1061
Sponsored by the Commission for the New Towns

VICTOR HOCHHAUSER presents
BARBICAN HALL
SATURDAY 16 APRIL at 7.30

POPULAR CLASSICS

NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Conductor *DAVID COLEMAN* Piano *HIROMI OKADA*

Rossini **Ov. The Barber of Seville**, Grieg **Piano Concerto**, Elgar **Pomp & Circumstance No.4**, Vaughan Williams **Fantasia on Greensleeves**, Josef Strauss **Radetzky March**, J. Strauss **Blue Danube Waltz**, Sibelius **Finlandia**, Ravel **Bolero**

£9.50 £13.50 £16.50 £19.50 £22 071-638 8891

ROYAL ALBERT HALL
SUNDAY 24 APRIL at 7.30

GRAND CLASSICAL GALA

SPECTACULAR LASERS, MUSKETEERS and CANNON & MORTAR EFFECTS

Fanfare Trumpeters & Drummers Life Guards & Light Infantry
The Light Cavalry Honourable Artillery Company
National Symphony Orchestra London Concert Choir
Pro Musica Chorus Tenor *Anthony Mee* Baritone *David Barrell*
Conductors *David Coleman & Major James Howe**

Rossini **Ov. Barber of Seville**, Verdi **Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves**, Dvorak **Two Slavonic Dances**, Verdi **La donna e mobile**, Bizet **Duet** *Pearlfishers*, Wagner **Pilgrims' Chorus**, Puccini **Intermezzo** *Manon Lescaut*, Borodin **Polovtsian Dances**, Verdi **Grand March** *Aida*, Bizet **Toreador's Song**, Elgar **Pomp & Circumstance No. 1**, Strauss **Radetzky March**, Puccini **Nessun dorma**, Ravel **Bolero**, Beethoven **Wellington's Victory***

BOX OFFICE 071 589 8212

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL
SATURDAY 30 APRIL at 7.30

GRAND OPERA GALA

National Symphony Orchestra *Pro Musica Chorus*
Conductor *David Coleman* Soprano *Julie Dalton*
Mezzo Soprano *Katarina Karneus* Tenor *Edmund Barham*

Ov. The Bartered Bride, Matadors' Chorus La Traviata, **Cielo e mar** La Gioconda, **In questa reggia** Turandot, **Una voce poco fa** Barber of Seville, **Meditation** Thaïs, **Love duet** Otello, **Soldiers' Chorus** Faust, **Dove sono** Marriage of Figaro, **Polovtsian dances** Prince Igor, **Anvil Chorus** Il Trovatore, **Vesti la giubba** I Pagliacci, **Voi che sapete** Marriage of Figaro, **One fine day, Humming Chorus** Madama Butterfly, **Flower song, Habanera, Final Scene** Carmen, **Elizabeth's greeting** Tannhauser **Nessun dorma** & **Final Scene** Turandot

£8.50 £12.50 £15.50 £18.50 £21.50 071 928 8800



The London Philharmonic International Series 1993/1994
Royal Festival Hall

Thursday 7 April 1994 at 7.30pm
BERNARD HAITINK CONDUCTOR
FELICITY LOTT SOPRANO
BARBER ADAGIO FOR STRINGS
STRAUSS FOUR LAST SONGS
TCHAIKOVSKY SYMPHONY 6 IN B MINOR (PATHETIQUE)

Tickets available from RFH Box Office

071 928 8800

The London Philharmonic
Resident at the Royal Festival Hall

VICTOR HOCHHAUSER presents at the ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL
SUNDAY 10 APRIL at 7.30



Ruthie
Henshall
the sensational star of 'Crazy for You'
singing and dancing
GERSHWIN

Festival Concert Orchestra Cond *RONY WEISS* Tenor *MICHAEL STRASSEN & DANCERS*
Overture Girl Crazy, Porgy & Bess Suite, Nice Work, Somebody Loves Me, Embraceable You, They All Laughed, S'Wonderful, Love is Here to Stay, The Man I Love, Someone to Watch Over Me, Lady Be Good, Swanee, Love Walked In, Summertime ... *& more...*
Box Office: 071-928 8800

RAYMOND GUBBAY presents at the
ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL
Box Office/CC 071-928 8800

TOMORROW at 7.30 pm

THE FOUR SEASONS

HANDEL Arrival of the Queen of Sheba
MOZART Eine kleine Nachtmusik
MOZART Piano Concerto, K467
VIVALDI The Four Seasons

ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
IAN WATSON pno/dir STEPHANIE GONLEY vln
£6.50, £8.50, £11.50, £15.50, £17.50, £19.50, £21.50

BARBICAN HALL
Box Office/CC 071-638 8891

TONIGHT at 8 pm

OPERA GALA NIGHT

CARMEN Prelude; *THE PEARLFISHERS* Duet
BARBER OF SEVILLE Largo al factotum
NABUCCO Va pensiero; *RIGOLETTO* Pari siamo;
Figlia mio padre; Caro nome; La donna e mobile
LA TRAVIATA Brindisi & Prelude Act 3
AIDA Grand March; *I PAGLIACCI* Prologue
LE PROPHETE Coronation March
TURANDOT Nessun Dorma;
TOSCA Recondita armonia; Vissi D'arte
LA BOHEME Ah mimi & Che Gelida Manina;
Si mi Chiamano Mimi; O Soave Fanciulla
MADAME BUTTERFLY Humming Chorus
CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA Intermezzo

JAMES LOCKHART cond, SUSAN BULLOCK soprano
BONAVENTURA BOTTONE tenor, JOHN RAWNSLEY baritone
ENGLISH CHAMBER CHOIR, LONDON CONCERT ORCH
FANFARE TRUMPETERS OF THE WELSH GUARDS
£8.50, £12.50, £16.50, £18.50, £21

TOMORROW at 7.30 pm

THE GLORY OF EASTER

HANDEL Arrival of the Queen of Sheba; Let the Bright Seraphim; I know that My Redeemer Liveth
BACH Ave Maria; Sheep may Safely Graze
Sleepers Awake; Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
STANLEY Trumpet Voluntary
MOZART Alleluiah *(Exsultate Jubilate)*
FRANCK Panis Angelicus;
ADAMS The Holy City
HAYDN Trumpet Concerto
VIVALDI *The Four Seasons* Spring

LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA PHILIP SIMMS conductor
CRISPIAN STEELE-PERKINS trumpet LYNNE MURRAY soprano
£7.50, £10.50, £15.50, £17.50, £19.50

EASTER MONDAY 4 APRIL at 7.30 pm

TCHAIKOVSKY

Sleeping Beauty Waltz • Swan Lake Suite
Piano Concerto No.1 • Nutcracker Suite
1812 Overture with cannon & mortar effects

LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA
FRASER GOULDING conductor
GRAHAM SCOTT piano
BAND OF THE WELSH GUARDS
£8.50, £12.50, £16.50, £18.50, £21

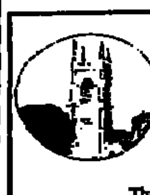
RAYMOND GUBBAY presents
ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL
SATURDAY 7th MAY 7.30pm

CLASSICAL GALA NIGHT

The World's Greatest Classics in Concert
WITH FANTASTIC LASER DISPLAY

Bolero; Finlandia; Nessun Dorma; Skaters Waltz; Pearl Fishers Duet; Liberty Bell March; Ride of the Valkyries; Tritsch-Tratsch Polka; Grand March from Aida; William Tell Overture; Khachaturian Sabre Dance; Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves; O Fortuna from Carmina Burana; Pomp & Circumstance March No. 1; Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana; and a Grand Finale of 1812 Overture with Cannon & Mortar Effect

London Concert Orchestra London Choral Society
David Arnold conductor Gordon Wilson tenor Nicholas Folwell baritone
Fanfare Trumpeters and Band of the Welsh Guards
£8.50 £13.50 £18.50 £22.00 £25.00
ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL Box Office: 071 928 8800



Music in Country Churches

Patron
His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales

ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL
WINDSOR CASTLE
Thursday 26 May 1994 at 7.45 pm
In the presence of
His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales
CECILIA BARTOLI *mezzo-soprano*
GYORGY FISCHER *piano*
A recital to be given
in aid of Music in Country Churches
Full details, booking form and tickets from
PRELUDE RECORDS
25b ST GILES STREET, NORWICH NR2 1JN
Telephone (0603) 628319
MONDAY to SATURDAY 9.30 am to 5.30 pm

ART GALLERIES

Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1. 10-6 daily. Recorded info 071-439 4996/7 GOYA:TRUTH AND FANTASY - Book Tickets on 071-396 4555 (bkg fee). THE UNKNOWN MODIGLIANI: DRAWINGS FROM THE COLLECTION OF PAUL ALEXANDRE - CLOSES MONDAY! 'IN PURSUIT OF THE ABSOLUTE': ART OF THE ANCIENT WORLD - LAST FEW DAYS! Book Tickets on 071-240 7200 (bkg fee).

BARBICAN HALL

071-638 8891 9AM - 8PM DAILY

Ton't Sat 2 April 8.00pm	OPERA GALA NIGHT Lon. Conc. Orch., J Lockhart cond., S Bullock, B Bottone, J Rawnsley soloists, English Chamber Choir, Fanfare Trumpeters Band Welsh Guards. Excerpts from *Carmen, Nabucco, Aida, Rigoletto, La Traviata, Tosca, La Bohème, Turandot etc.* £21 £18.50 £16.50 £12.50 £8.50 *Raymond Gubbay Ltd*
Tomor Sun 3 April 7.30pm	GLORY OF EASTER London Concert Orch., Philip Simms cond., Lynne Murray sop., Crispian Steele-Perkins trumpet. Handel *Messiah* excerpts. Bach arr. Gounod Ave Maria; Sheep May Safely Graze. Mozart Alleluiah Franck Panis Angelicus Vivaldi Spring from *The Four Seasons* £19.50 £17.50 £15.50 £10.50 £7.50 *Raymond Gubbay Ltd.*
Easter Mon 4 April 7.30pm	TCHAIKOVSKY EVENING Lon. Conc. Orch., Fraser Goulding cond.. Graham Scott piano. Band of Welsh Guards. *Sleeping Beauty Waltz; Swan Lake Suite;* Piano Concerto No.1; *Nutcracker Suite;* 1812 Ov (with cannon and mortar effects) £22 £19.50 £16.50 £13.50 £10.50 *Raymond Gubbay Ltd*
Thu 7 April 7.30pm	BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA in the presence of HRH Princess Alexandra. Andrew Litton cond.. *Yefim Bronfman piano. Bernstein Ov Candide Rachmaninov* Piano Concerto No.3 Shostakovich Symphony No.8 £25 £15 £5 *Bournemouth Orchestras in assoc. Barbican Centre*

OPERA & BALLET

Victor Hochhauser presents RBC in association with BCC

MOSCOW Festival Ballet

with guest star from
The Kirov Ballet



29-30 Apr	HARROGATE, International Centre*/**	0423 564433
1-2 May	HAYES, The Beck Theatre*/**	081 561 8371
3-4 May	WALTHAMSTOW, Assembly Hall*/**	081 521 7111
7 May	ISLE OF WIGHT, Sandown Pavilion**	0983 402295
9 May	SUNDERLAND, Empire Theatre*	091 514 2517
11-12 May	NOTTINGHAM, Royal Centre**	0602 482626
13-14 May	HANLEY, Theatre Royal*/**	0782 286301
15-16 May	LEAMINGTON SPA, Royal Spa Centre*	0926 334418
17-19 May	GUILDFORD, Civic Hall*/**	0483 444555
20-22 May	HULL, New Theatre*/**	0482 226655
23-24 May	SWINDON, Wyvern Theatre*/**	0793 868900
26-27 May	SHEFFIELD, City Hall*/**	0742 735295/6
28 May	SOUTHEND, Cliffs Pavilion*	0702 351135
29 May	CROYDON, Fairfields Hall**	081 688 9291
30-31 May	DUBLIN, National Concert Hall*/**	Dublin 671 1533

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 071 836 3161 (24hr) ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Today 2.30 & 7.30 THE PEARL FISHERS

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 071 240 1066/1911. Tickets avail on the day. Stand-by info 836 6903. THE BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET Today 2.00 & 7.00, Mon 7.30 Sylvia

THEATRES

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE



RE-OPENS ON 7 APRIL

24 HOUR BOOKINGS: CALL TICKETMASTER 071-344 0055 (WITH BOOKING FEE)
GROUP BOOKINGS 071-413 3302 (WITH BOOKING FEE)
ALSO FROM MEMBERS OF THE TICKET AGENTS ASSOCIATION (WITH BOOKING FEE) AND HMV AND TOWER RECORDS STORES IN GREATER LONDON
CD AND CASSETTE NOW AVAILABLE ON POLYDOR RECORDS
NO BOOKING FEE FOR PERSONAL CALLERS AT THE ADELPHI BOX OFFICE

ADELPHI THEATRE
STRAND, LONDON WC2

'An Evening with Michael Palin'
(in aid of the Michael Palin Centre for Stammering Children)
SUNDAY 17th APRIL at 8.00pm
Seats from £15 (concessions avail)

CAMBRIDGE THEATRE
Tel 071 486 4477 Ext 424/253
Registered Charity No 801171
Finsbury Health Centre, Pine Street, London EC1R 0JH

ADELPHI "Andrew Lloyd Webber's Amazing Technicolor Sunset" Los Angeles Times
SUNSET BOULEVARD
RE-OPENS ON APRIL 7th WITH THE AWARD-WINNING LOS ANGELES PRODUCTION 24HR CREDIT CARD BOOKINGS CALL 071 344 0055 (bkg fee) GRP BOOKING 071 413 3302 (bkg fee) NO BKG FEE FOR PERSONAL CALLERS AT THE ADELPHI BOX OFFICE Recorded information 071 379 8884 Mon-Sat 7.45 Mats Thur & Sat 3.00 April 7, 8 & 9 at 8.00

ALBERY THEATRE 071 867 1115/1111 cc 24hr 071 344 4444 HELEN MIRREN JOHN HURT AND JOHN STANDING
A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY
Directed by Bill Bryden Evgs 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sats 3.00

ALDWYCH 071 836 6404/CC 497 9977 Group Sales 071 930 6123 "AS CONCENTRATED A PIECE OF THEATRICAL PERFECTION AS YOU WILL FIND ANYWHERE" Today The Royal National Theatre's multi award-winning production of J.B. Priestley's
AN INSPECTOR CALLS
"A CLASSIC PIECE OF THEATRE" Sun Times Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 5pm & 8.15pm, Wed Mat 2.30pm

AMBASSADORS 071 836 6111 cc 071 497 9977 Nominated BEST COMEDY 1994 Olivier Awards "VERY FUNNY" The Independent "SUPERB" F.T.
APRIL IN PARIS
by JOHN GODBER Tues-Sat 8pm, SUN 4pm, Mats Thurs 3pm & Sat 5pm NOW BOOKING UNTIL JUNE

APOLLO VICTORIA cc 071 416 6043 cc 24hrs 071 344 4444/071 497 9977 Grps 071 416 6075/071 413 3321 "Andrew Lloyd Webber's New production of
STARLIGHT EXPRESS
"A REBORN THEATRICAL DELIGHT" Daily Mail White knuckle runs 19.45 daily Tue & Sat 15.00 Tickets from £10.00

ARTS THEATRE BO 071 836 2132 CC (24hr, no bkg fee) 071 344 4444
ANORAK OF FIRE
THE LIFE AND TIMES OF GUS GASCOIGNE TRAINSPOTTER "Superb...Glorious" D Tel "Hilarious...A Gem" S Times Tues-Thu 8pm. Sat 6 & 8pm

COMEDY BO/CC 071 867 1045/071 344 4444/071 497 9977 Susannah York "Magical" Daily Mail Michael Praed "A revelation" Daily Telegraph Daphne Du Maurier's
SEPTEMBER TIDE
"Gripping, beautifully acted, thoroughly entertaining, a classic" D.Tel Mon - Sat 8, Mats Wed 3, Sat 5

DOMINION Ticketlines 071 416 6060 071 497 9977 (bkg fee). Grps 071 416 6075/413 3321/240 7941
GREASE
Starring CRAIG McLACHLAN and DEBBIE GIBSON FROM 12-19 APRIL DANNY ZUKO WILL BE PLAYED BY SHANE RICHIE "A monster hit" Daily Mirror Eves 7.30pm Mats Wed & Sat 3pm Some standing room avail daily NOW BOOKING TO JAN 1995

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL cc (Bkg fee) 24hr 7 days 071 494 5001/344 4444/240 7200/379 9901 Grps 831 8625/494 5454
MISS SAIGON
"THE CLASSIC LOVE STORY OF OUR TIME" NOW IN ITS 5TH FABULOUS YEAR! Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm Good seats avail for Wed Mat & some perfs - apply B.O. FOR TELEPHONE POSTAL BOOKINGS/PERSONAL CALLERS 071 494 5060 BKG FEE

DUCHESS cc 071 494 5070 cc 344 4444 (no bkg fee)/836 2428 (bkg fee) 071-413 3321 Eves 8pm, Wed mat 3pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30 NOW IN ITS 4th YEAR "A SAUCY COMEDY" E. Std
DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER
"Gloriously Outrageous" T.Out

DUKE OF YORK'S THEATRE 071 836 5122 cc 836 9837 24hrs/7 days 836 3464, 344 4444 Denis Lawson Michelle Fairley
OLEANNA
by David Mamet Directed by Harold Pinter If you haven't seen it, you can't argue about it Eves 7.30, Thur Mat 3, Sat Mat 4 Olivier Award nomination Best Play

FORTUNE BO & CC 071 836 2238 CC 497 9977 (24hrs No fee) 344 4444 (No fee)/ Grps 930 6123 "A REAL THRILL OF HORROR" Sun Times JOHN NETTLETON BRIAN DEACON Susan Hill's
THE WOMAN IN BLACK
Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt Eves 8pm Mats Tue 3pm Sat 4pm

GLOBE BO/CC 494 5067/497 9977 THE PETER HALL COMPANY FELICITY KENDAL GRIFF RHYS JONES
AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY
"Sir Peter Hall's brilliantly paced production of Feydeau's masterpiece-Absolutely fabulous-A triumph from start to finish" D Exp "Delirious" Ind Mon-Sat 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00

HAYMARKET 071 930 8800 cc 071 344 4444/497 9977 (bkg fee) 'One of the funniest, most entertaining men in the world' S. Express
AN EVENING WITH PETER USTINOV
24 PERFORMANCES ONLY From April 19.

HER MAJESTY'S 24hr 494 5400 (bkg fee) CC 344 4444/497 9977 (bkg fee) Group Sales 071 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00 NOW BOOKING TO 17 DEC 1994 APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS Special signed perf 9 April 3pm

LONDON PALLADIUM BO/CC 071 494 5020/344 4444 (£1 tkt serv chg) Grps 071 494 5459 JONATHAN PRYCE in LIONEL BART'S
OLIVER!
OPENS 15 NOVEMBER

CALL 071-481 1920
To place your entertainment advert in THE TIMES

LONDON PALLADIUM BO/CC 071-494 5057 (no bkg fee) / 344 4444 (bkg fee). Both 24-hrs / 7 days.
PAUL MERTON -
THE PALLADIUM 21 MARCH - 2 APRIL ONLY! ENDS TONIGHT!

LYRIC, Shafts Ave Bo & cc 071 494 5045 cc 071 344 4444 All tel lines 24hr/7 days (bkg fee). cc 497 9977 Grps 071 930 6123 The Joint Never Stops Jumpin
FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
THE OLIVIER AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL 4TH GREAT YEAR Mon-Thu 8 Fri & Sat at 6 & 8.45

To place your ENTERTAINMENT advert in THE TIMES TRADE 071-481 1920 FAX 071-481 9313 TELEX 925088 PRIVATE 071-481 4000

NATIONAL THEATRE BO 071 928 2252 Grps 071 620 0741; 24hr cc bkg fee 071 497 9977 OLIVIER Today 2.00 & 7.15, Mon 7.15 JOHNNY ON A SPOT Charles MacArthur. LYTTELTON Today 2.00 & 7.30, Mon 7.30 SWEENEY TODD Music by Stephen Sondheim, book by Hugh Wheeler from an adaptation by Christopher Bond. COTTESLOE Today 1.00 MILLENNIUM APPROACHES Tony Kushner. Ton't, Mon 7.00 PERESTROIKA Tony Kushner

NEW LONDON Drury Lane BO 071 405 0072 CC 071 404 4079 24hr 344 4444. Grps 930 6123 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL
CATS
Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.00 LATECOMERS NOT ADMITTED WHILE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION, PLEASE BE PROMPT. Bars open at 6.45 LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

PALACE THEATRE 071-434 0909 cc 24hrs (bkg fee) 071-344 4444/497 9977/071 793 1000 Group Sales 071 930 6123 Groups 071 494 1671 THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR MUSICAL
LES MISERABLES
Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

PHOENIX BO/CC 867 1044/867 1111/344 4444 (fee) 497 9977 BEST MUSICAL ALL 4 MAJOR AWARDS WILLY RUSSELL'S
BLOOD BROTHERS
STEPHANIE LAWRENCE with CARL WAYNE "ASTONISHING" S Express "Brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval" D Mail Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

PICCADILLY BO/CC 867 1118/1111/071 344 4444/071 497 9977 THE PETER HALL COMPANY "ELAINE PAIGE is
PIAF
Astonishing...tremendous, funny, tender, stupendous...powerful, majestic, unstoppable" D.Exp "MAGNIFICENT" Gdn A musical play by PAM GEMS Directed by PETER HALL Eves 8.00 Mats Wed, Sat 3.00 Matinees Lorraine Brunning will play the role of Piaf.

PLAYHOUSE BO/CC 071 839 4401
JANE EYRE
Adapted by Fay Weldon "Epic...an enthralling, haunting piece of theatre" D Exp. RECORD BREAKING SEASON EXTENDED
ALL SEATS £10!
Except Sat Evening Mon-Sat 7.45 Mats Thu & Sat at 3.00

PRINCE EDWARD 071 734 8951 cc (24hr no bkg fee) 836 3464 / 071 344 4444 Groups 930 6123. BEST MUSICAL Laurence Olivier Awards 93 ALL SINGING ALL DANCING ALL GERSHWIN
CRAZY FOR YOU
"PUTS THE BRIGHT LIGHTS BACK IN THE WEST END IN DAZZLING STYLE" M on Sun Eves 7.45 Mats Thu & Sat 3.00 GOOD SEATS AVAILABLE THIS WEEK

QUEEN'S 071 494 5040 cc 344 4444 (no bkg fee) 497 9977 (bkg fee)
HOT SHOE SHUFFLE
The New Tap Musical "A SONG & DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA" Eve Std Mon-Sat 8.00, Mats Wed Sat 3.00

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY LONDON (071 638 8891 cc Mon - Sun 9am-8pm) BARBICAN THEATRE THE MERCHANT OF VENICE Previews from 4 April THE PIT: GHOSTS Today 2.00 & 7.15 TRAVESTIES now at the Savoy Theatre- for tickets call 071 836 8891 STRATFORD-UPON-AVON (0789 295623 cc Mon-Sat 9am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE MACBETH Today 2.30 & 7.30 SWAN THEATRE-WILDEST DREAMS Today 2.30 & 7.30 Meal/Ticket/Hotel package 0789 414999

ROYAL COURT 071-730 1745/2554 cc 836 2428 (24hrs) 836 5122 Final Week THE KITCHEN by Arnold Wesker. Last 2 Perfs today 3.30 & 7.30

SADLER'S WELLS 071 278 8916 Regina Hostess, Actress, Chanteuse Cabaret songs from 40's to the present 29-31 March, 2 April 8.15pm.

SAVOY 071 836 8888 or 24hrs/no bkg fee 071 497 9977 "YOU'LL LEAVE FEELING DIZZY WITH LAUGHTER" D.Tel. Antony Sher in the Royal Shakespeare Company production of
TRAVESTIES
Tom Stoppard's award-winning comedy "BRILLIANTLY FUNNY" S.Times Eves 7.30, Sat mat 2.30

SHAFTESBURY BO & CC 071-379 5399 CC 071 344 4444 24hr/bkg fee Grps 413 3321 "RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S MASTERPIECE" S. Times
CAROUSEL
"A ONCE IN A DECADE EVENT" D. Tel Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30 PLEASE NOTE latecomers will not be admitted for 40 minutes

ST MARTIN'S 071-836 1443. Special CC No. 344 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45. Sat 5.0 and 8.0 42nd Year of Agatha Christie's THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND BO/CC 071 930 8800 24hr cc 071 344 4444 (no bkg fee) Grps 071 413 3321
DAWN FRENCH JENNIFER SAUNDERS
ME & MAMIE O'ROURKE
by Mary Agnes Donoghue "Sublime Comic Genius" D.Mail Dir by Robert Allen Ackerman LTD SEASON LAST 2 WEEKS Mon-Thur 8, Fri 8.45, Sat 5.45 & 8.45

STRAND BO/CC 071 930 8800 24hr cc 344 4444 (no bkg fee) Grps 930 6123/413 3321 RICHARD WILSON ANGELA THORNE in MICHAEL PALIN'S COMEDY
THE WEEKEND
Directed by Robin Lefevre Prev's 25 April, Opens 3 May

VAUDEVILLE BO/CC 836 9987 CC 497 9977 (No Fee) OPENS APRIL 6 Evenings 7.45 Mat Wed & Sat at 3.00 Zoë Wanamaker Niall Buggy Beatie Edney David Haig Danny Webb
in DEAD FUNNY
A New Comedy by Terry Johnson

VICTORIA PALACE Box Off & cc (No bkg fee) 071 834 1317 CC (bkg fee)071-344 4444/497 9977 Groups 071 930 6123
* BUDDY * The Buddy Holly Story "BRILLIANT" Sun
* BUDDY * "WONDERFUL STUFF" Sun Tel
* BUDDY * Mon-Thur 8.00 Fri 5.30 & 8.30 Sat 5.00 & 8.30. ALL SEATS ½ PRICE FRIDAY 5.30 PERF 5TH FANTASTIC YEAR OVER 1800 PERFORMANCES BOOKING TO APRIL '95

WYNDHAMS 071 867 1116 cc 071 867 1111/344 4444 (no bkg fee) 497 9977 (bkg fee) Some people think they can get away with Murder!
ROPE
by Patrick Hamilton. Previews from April 6. Opens April 11

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

Desperation makes for strange bedfellows

George Bernard Shaw once declined MGM's bid for the film rights to his plays with the words: "The trouble is, Mr Goldwyn, that you are only interested in art and I am only interested in money." That splendid riposte was brought to mind by the week's unlikeliest marriage. The Edinburgh Film Festival, where haughty connoisseurs once discussed the moral ambiguities of Rainer Werner Fassbinder's early *oeuvre*, has announced its engagement to Drambuie, which my wealthier friends tell me is a liqueur of some potency.

Presumably the booze manufacturers have suddenly discovered that they, like Sam Goldwyn, are interested in art. And the cash-strapped film buffs have reached the equally urgent conclusion that money, lots of it, is even more fascinating than Fassbinder's early *oeuvre*. Either way, Drambuie is giving the festival sponsorship worth £750,000. And the festival is giving its intoxicating new partner what in Hollywood they call "billing above the title". Henceforth it will be called the Drambuie Edinburgh Film Festival.

You can imagine the frisson of horror that has run through the arts world. The names of sports trophies, of course, have been sold off to sponsors for years. But the rule in the arts has always been: sponsors can have free seats, they can come backstage and drool over the chorus-girls if they must, but they should not be sold the name of your company. That, you see, would compromise your integrity.

But poverty breeds desperation, as they say in the subtitles of Fassbinder's early *oeuvre*. The arts are desperate for cash. Sponsors know it, and are expecting more and more exposure. Already, one long-established music group has sold its title (welcome to the "BT Scottish Ensemble"). It may be a while yet before we watch the Kentucky Fried Chicken Royal Shakespeare Company. But I wouldn't bet against a hard-pressed symphony orchestra or regional rep theatre selling its title in the next few months.

If all this name-changing catches on, the arts could pinch a great deal of sponsorship from sport. After all, sponsoring a sports team is so risky. Spare a thought this week for the hapless Tetley Bitter executive: the man who spent a small fortune to get his company's logo onto the kit worn by the England cricket team.

A concert pianist has just been put on probation for three years. He had set fire to the house of a neighbour who had complained about the noise of his practice. In court the pianist was said to be a manic depressive with a history of mental illness.

This sad story seems familiar.

WEEK IN THE ARTS



RICHARD MORRISON

Nearly everybody who has worked in the music business knows at least one performer whose mental state has hovered precariously between genius and black despair. Indeed, the history-books would be a lot thinner if you excluded the extraordinary musicians who were more or less barmy.

I had the honour of interviewing three of the greatest keyboard virtuosi of the century: Vladimir Horowitz, Claudio Arrau and John Ogdon. Like the man on trial this week, all three had a history of mental illness. Conversations with them could be unnerving and unhinged experiences. They were odd men: people one might be wary of on the Underground.

Yet when each started to play the piano, this oddness ceased to be a cause of fear or pity, and instead became a source of wonder and celebration. In such people, virtuosity and madness seem two sides of the same coin.

That's fine when their mental energies are channelled creatively. Too often in the history of music, however, genius has soured and turned destructive. It seems as if minds that are capable of conceiving the most beautiful sounds are also the ones that sink into the most pessimistic thoughts. One recalls Eduard Strauss, burning hundreds of his brother Johann's manuscripts in one terrible day; or Sibelius burning nearly everything he wrote in the last 30 years of his life. Such waste, such erratic swings of behaviour. But as Somerset Maugham once observed, only the mediocre are always at their best.

If you own two Hollywood studios and are employing 5,000 actors to make a single movie, I suppose you are entitled to slip yourself into the picture in a small but heroic cameo role. Ted Turner, the creator of CNN, has done exactly that in *Gettysburg*, the American Civil War epic which has taken more than £7 million at the US box office and is to be released here in the autumn.

Making his big-screen debut, Turner plays one of the soldiers who perish on America's most famous battlefield. Doubtless his wife, Jane Fonda, gave him a few useful tips about the finer subtleties of thespian technique. I'm sure he cruised through the auditions. And of course there is a long tradition of film *directors* creeping into their own films. Hitchcock never let a movie pass without a fleeting appearance.

More recently, of course, there has been a much more self-regarding tradition, of big-name actors turning themselves into directors. Clint Eastwood, Kevin Costner, Kenneth Branagh and Robert Redford have all realised that the safest way to ensure that the camera stays firmly on your noble visage, for more or less the whole movie, is to run the show yourself.

But media moguls turning into actors? I am not sure that this is a giant leap for mankind. Still, thank goodness Ted Turner does not own any opera houses. Or do I speak too soon?

Superlungs v Everywoman

Matt Wolf considers the respective strengths of Olivier nominees Elaine Paige and Julia McKenzie



Among this year's Olivier Award competitors, perhaps no two nominees make a more intriguing comparison than Elaine Paige and Julia McKenzie, both of whom are up for Best Actress in a Musical. Their nominations each come in productions that can be said to represent the zenith of their careers to date: Paige for her anguished chanteuse in Pam Gems's *Piaf*; McKenzie for her murderous Nellie Lovett in Stephen Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd*.

And yet what sorts of careers are these, exactly? Both Paige and McKenzie have been household names for well over a decade — Paige riding on the back of, and in significant measure contributing to, the British musical resurgence in the late 1970s and 1980s, for which read (mostly) Andrew Lloyd Webber. McKenzie, in turn, has long been the quintessential bourgeois housewife in television series such as *Fresh Fields* and in the plays of Alan Ayckbourn. Add to this her association over 22 years with Sondheim, from whose repertoire she is virtually inseparable in England, and the image emerges of the likeable Everywoman playing some of the most challenging roles in the female canon.

Is Paige, then, the popular option, McKenzie the intelligentsia's voice and choice, in the same way as one might, by extension, distinguish between *Sunset Boulevard* and *City of Angels*, the two musicals nominated as this year's best? The performers' career affiliations suggest so. Paige's considerable belt has been an essential element of the British musical, particularly in roles that start by demanding a performer who can take centre stage and sell a song unapologetically.

So it was with her breakthrough role as Eva Peron in *Evita* in 1978 and, for that matter, her Reno Sweeney in Paige's lone American musical, Cole Porter's *Anything Goes*. (Both roles were played, incidentally, on Broadway by a third competitor in this same category, Patti LuPone of *Sunset Boulevard*.) Paige's iron lungs virtually define what she has to offer, and it is no accident that periods in between roles are spent on the road and in the studio.

Paige's nomination makes plain how a performer can shift the emphasis of a part: when Jane Lapotaire won New York's 1981 Tony Award for *Piaf*, her category was actress in a play; Paige's placement in the musical actress category shows how a play-with-music can become what amounts to a Piaf song cycle with the odd book scene thrown in. In Lapotaire's time, the title role constituted one half of a moving double-act alongside Zoe Wanamaker's Toine; currently, and despite Wendy Morgan's game efforts in the same part, the evening at the Piccadilly Theatre is seen as Paige's alone.

McKenzie has a no less extraordinary voice — Sondheim himself singles out her "huge range; she can do anything on stage" — but it is a genuine musical comedy voice, not a brassy pop-orientated belt. It is as hard to imagine McKenzie blasting forth "Memories", the perennial anthem from *Cats*, as it is to think of Paige working her way through "By the Sea", Sondheim's sly music-hall pastiche in *Sweeney*.

A Guildhall graduate, the 53-year-old McKenzie began in operetta, and more or less returned to it in 1981 in a coloratura context with Broadway composer Cy Coleman's *On the Twentieth Century*, the musical she still counts today as her most vocally taxing. Her Miss Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls* the following year married uncanny musical instincts to genuine heartbreak, a combination unheard of in a Frank Loesser warhorse better known for its "Noo Yawk" patois than for its pathos.

McKenzie has embodied that mixture ever since, as virtually any moment from *Follies* or *Sweeney Todd* proves. Whereas Angela Lansbury's triumphant Mrs Lovett in 1979 on Broadway was a gleefully amoral kewpie doll, McKenzie's is an altogether more real and love-sick companion to a man who loves only his razor; the actress's glazed, slatternly look in the opening chorus tells what is to follow.

Could Paige play Mrs Lovett? Of course not. Yet such a comment misses the point, which is to show how both women have thoroughly tilled a theatrical soil rich enough to accommodate them with ease. To be sure, McKenzie's box-office clout may have been cast somewhat in doubt by the closure after a mere five months of *Into the Woods*, a Sondheim show that had the misfortune to run alongside the Gulf War; Paige, by contrast, is so fully the event at *Piaf* that the show easily withstands the losses made at matinees when her stand-by performs the part.

Where next? McKenzie talks of forsaking stage musicals, but says she would like to film *Sweeney*. Press releases, meanwhile, trumpet Paige aiming *Piaf* towards Broadway, a street she has never played. Whoever wins the Olivier Award — and let us not forget the fourth nominee, Haydn Gwynne of *City of Angels* — both women have been in the business long enough to know one of its cardinal rules: when you are on a roll with a role, you do not let it go lightly.

● *The Olivier Awards, presented by the Society of London Theatre with American Express, are at the Palladium on April 17 (tickets: First Call, 071-497 9977).*

DONALD COOPER





Elaine Paige (left) in *Piaf* — "popular option" — and Julia McKenzie in *Sweeney Todd* — "the intelligentsia's choice"

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament:

ADAM COOPER



Age: 22

Profession: Ballet dancer

Current work: Just finished a run of *Mayerling* at the Royal Opera House, stepping in for an injured Irek Mukhamedov. In a nifty bit of symmetry, Cooper had also opened the run (on January 28) by stepping in for an injured Zoltan Solymosi at the last minute, thus unexpectedly making his London debut in the role. Immediately after the performance Cooper was promoted to principal — and no dancer deserved it more.

Previous projects: Cooper is famous for making unscheduled debuts: his first leading roles in *Swan Lake*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Judas Tree* all saw him thrown on at the last minute. "I do most of my roles because people are injured. That's how I've made my career."

Forthcoming: *Winter Dreams* and *Tombeaux* at Covent Garden, plus Romeo in August. This weekend he leaves for America, where the Royal Ballet is on tour. He is scheduled for *Mayerling* there but not for the new *Sleeping Beauty*. Still, watch this space — "I am indeed one of the covers. I'm learning it, which means I have a good chance of going on during the tour since there are 19 performances of *Beauty*."

Where's he coming from? His mother was involved in amateur dramatics and danced when she was younger; his musician father played for the local dance school in Tooting, south London. That was how Adam and his older brother Simon (now with English National Ballet) got into dance.

What's his style? "Certainly not very Royal Ballet style. I never thought I would get into the company because I didn't think I was classical enough. I suit modern or dramatic ballet rather than pure classical ballet and I'm sure the management of the opera house shares that opinion." Cooper's greatest asset is the commanding figure he cuts on stage: tall, well-built and striking, with that rare quality — sex appeal. He is also one of the few men in the Royal who can elegantly partner Sylvie Guillem.

Ideal experiences: "I guess *Mayerling* because of the sheer length of it and the feeling of what you've achieved at the end of the evening. The dramatic content in the ballet is equal to or more important than the technique. It gives me a buzz."

On dancing: "My biggest fear is that not enough people, especially in London, can see it. The Dance Bites tour in February was great for us because we had a sense that we were playing to people who would not normally come to see us at the opera house purely because of the high ticket prices. It's a shame people like that can't come to see us more often in things like *Mayerling* at the opera house."

On himself: "I'm very happy where I am at the moment. But there are other things I want to do, like conducting. I once composed a Christmas carol for the Royal Ballet School when I was a student and got to conduct that. It's something I would love to follow up in the future."

DEBRA CRAINE

THEATRE: Oscar Wilde sings his way — loudly — through his trials

Bellow if you're sad to be gay

Oscar
King's Head, N1

Oscar Wilde and Mike Read, the DJ, sound like an unlikely couple. However, Read has a track record of turning poets' lives — Rupert Brooke's and Betjeman's — into musicals. Here, Wilde, the theatrical aesthete, sings his way through his trial for homosexuality, imprisonment, and final years, suffering ostracism, poverty and poor treatment from his beloved Bosie.

If you like several tablespoons of sugar on your tragedies, this show might make you happy. Christopher G. Sandford's production is a professionally presented chamber piece. Peter McCarthy conducts a small string section from his electronic keyboard. The cast sing with accomplished gusto. Big bass voices are potent in this intimate space, although spoken sections need muting. Sir Edward Carson yells out evidence from the "Hyacinth Letter", in which Wilde expressed his tender passion for Bosie. "I wouldn't expect you to understand the subtlety of *tone*," Wilde hollers back, for the benefit of the deaf.

Production is in fine period costume (flocks of wing collars). The stage is bare except for a couple of wooden chairs and slide projections (a splash of fireworks contrasting with Wilde's sentencing). This spareness is absolutely right in this hardly luxurious backroom venue. Still, if *Oscar* is hoping to transfer to the West End, is it planning to satisfy the coach parties without pyrotechnics?

The songs offer internal rhymes with their tongues in their cheeks, but Read's lyrics are ultimately clichéd ("Think of me when the sun goes down," and so on). His composing is playfully eclectic but the tunes are often pedestrian.

Wilde was a hefty-chinned man with a nimble wit. Yet big-jawed Nigel Williams delivers his aphoristic repartee stodgily and his philosophising is ponderous. His Wilde, with his toothy grin and arresting yet vacuous eyes, looks suspiciously like Tony Blackburn in a cravat.

Daniel Goode's Bosie is an angelic rotter and Bill Homewood makes his homophobic aristocratic bruiser of a father the singing Roy Cohn of the Victorian era.

KATE BASSETT

MARILYN KINGWILL

From left: Goode, Williams and Homewood in *Oscar*

MONDAY

ARTS

Benedict Nightingale reviews the British premiere, in Richard Eyre's staging at the National, of the 1942 American satire, *Johnny on a Spot*

Child's play

CONCERT

NYO / Davis
Barbican

Any concert by the National Youth Orchestra is to be looked forward to with the keenest expectation. And if allowances are to be made, it is likely to be for the professional orchestra of the night before or the night after, rather than for this band of 150 schoolchildren whose average age is 16.

Now, though, there is something new in the air. Wednesday's concert, sponsored by Lexus and Williams Holdings, was one of the most exciting I have heard them play and came as the climax of a new collaboration between the NYO and the London Symphony Orchestra, in which LSO principals and the conductor Adrian Brown worked with each section for four rehearsal days. And for three more sessions and the concert itself, the orchestra was conducted for the first time by Sir Colin Davis.

Players of this young age and Sir Colin have one important thing in common: they are all highly sentient creatures of finely tuned musical instinct and undulled imagination. This was what lay behind their compelling Berlioz *Symphonie Fantastique*.

From the opening bars of "Reveries" and "Passions" the orchestra was keen to respond to the most elusive shifts of tempo within Sir Colin's characteristically broad, fluid phrasing. Tightly controlled horn playing and a faultless string ensemble made the Waltz which followed almost balletic, with feet barely touching the floor.

The orchestra's own soloists had already shown what they were made of in Elgar's *Enigma Variations*. When the time comes to employ this vast platform of talent, orchestras should certainly have their eyes on a principal timpanist who knew a thing or two about mocking Sir Edward's friend Troyte Griffith, a cellist who would have inspired as much admiration as the composer's own friend, and a clarinettist who deserves many a calm sea and prosperous voyage.

HILARY FINCH

THE SUNDAY TIMES
Palumbo on the arts of government

"I hope that Lord Gowrie may succeed where I failed, in convincing Peter Brooke (who will go down in history as the secretary of state who instituted the first-ever cash cut in 48 years to the Arts Council), of the necessity to make good the damage that has been wrought as a consequence . . ."

Lord Palumbo reflects on his chairmanship of the Arts Council and has advice for his successor — in The Culture, The Sunday Times tomorrow

THAMES VALLEY ANTIQUE DEALER'S ASSOCIATION



1994 Annual Fair

AT ETON COLLEGE
SCHOOL HALL, ETON, WINDSOR

Thursday 7th April 2pm-6.30pm
Friday 8th April 11am-8pm
Saturday 9th April 11am-6pm
Sunday 10th April 11am-5pm

AMPLE PARKING
REFRESHMENTS AND LIGHT LUNCHES
TELEPHONE 0491 834393 / 0753 833594

WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◪ **ANORAK OF FIRE:** Stephen Dinsdale's hilarious but also touching account of a trainspotter's obsession. *James Holmes plays the dedicated hero: deservedly a cult.*
Arts, Great Newport St, WC2 (071-836 2132). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 6pm.

◪ **THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN:** Excellent revival of Henry Arthur Jones's dating comedy of 1894 in which a wife is prepared to commit *adultery because her husband does.*
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 4pm and April 7, 2.30pm. Until April 23. ◪

■ **GHOSTS:** Katie Mitchell's powerful production from last year's Stratford. *Jane Lapotaire, Simon Russell Beale and John Carlisle head the cast.*
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews tonight-Tue, 7.15pm; mat today, 2pm. Opens Wed, 7pm ◪

☐ **JOHNNY ON A SPOT:** Farcical satire about whitewashing a US politician. Charles MacArthur's 1942 play sounds timely.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm; Mon 7.15pm. ◪

☐ **900 ONEONTA:** World premiere of David Beaird's Deep South drama: *a dying patriarch dismays his descendants with the fanciful stipulations of his will. Cast includes Linda Marlowe.*
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 8701). Preview tonight, 8pm. Opens Mon, 7pm. ◪

◪ **A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY:** Helen Mirren and John Hurt head a great cast for Turgenev's classic of love, jealousy and self-deception.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **ONE HELL OF A DO:** Welcome return of Jon Kenny and Pat Shortt, marvellous over-the-top Irish gabbers, hauling members of the audience on to the stage to help create the mayhem of a mad wedding day.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun 5pm. ◪

☐ **SWEENEY TODD:** Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. *Starring Denis Quilley and Julia McKenzie.*
National (Lyttleton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Tue, 7.30pm; mats today and Tue, 2pm. ◪

☐ **TRAVESTIES:** Stoppard's dazzler transfers from its sell-out at the Barbican. Antony Sher as the Consul playing *fast and loose with memory.*
Aldwych, Strand, WC2 (071-836 6868). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. ◪

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **An Absolute Turkey:** Globe (071-494 5085) . . . ☐ **April in Paris:** Ambassadors (071-836 6111) . . . ■ ***Blood Brothers:*** **Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . .** ◪ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ◪ **Carousel:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) . . . ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ■ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . . ☐ ***Don't Dress for Dinner:*** **Duchess (071-494 5070) . . .** ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-416 6060) . . . ◪ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . . ◪ **Me and Mamie O'Rourke:** Strand (071-930 8800) . . . ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ■ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ☐ **Oleanna:** Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ☐ **Piaf:** Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . . ■ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ◪ **The Women in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BACKBEAT (15): See review, page 2.
Odeon West End (0426-915 574)

BELLE EPOQUE (15): Bucolic, flimsy period comedy from Spain, this year's Foreign Film Oscar winner. With Jorge Sanz; director, Fernando Trueba.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) Gate ◪ **(071-727 4043) Screen/Green (071-226 3520)**

GRIEF: Behind-the-scenes troubles of a tacky TV show. Modest, amusing gay comedy from new director Richard Glatzer. With Craig Chester and Alexis Arquette.
ICA ◪ **(071-930 3647)**

◆ **KALIFORNIA** (18): Hollow and horrible road movie, with *Brad Pitt and Juliette Lewis as hillbilly passengers on a cross-country trip to hell. Director, Dominic Sena.*
MGMfix: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) UCI Whiteleys ◪ **(071-792 3332)**

REDHEADS (15): Australian whodunit with fancy trappings but a gauche plot stars Claudia Karvan; director, Danny Vendramini.
Plaza ◪ **(0800 888 997)**

THE SCENT OF GREEN PAPAYA (U): See review, page 2.
Electric ◪ **(071-792 2020) Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir (071-837 8402)**

THE THING CALLED LOVE (15): Low-key tale of youngsters hoping for Nashville fame. River Phoenix's last film, with Samantha Mathis. Peter Bogdanovich directs.
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232)

CURRENT

◆ **THE ARISTOCATS** (U): Avaricious butler threatens feline Parisians; pleasant but less than classic Disney.
MGMfix: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Trocadero ◪ **(071-434 0031) Odeons: Marble Arch (0426 914501) Mezzanine** ◪ **(0426 915683) Swiss Cottage (0426 914096) UCI Whiteleys** ◪ **(071-792 3332) Warner** ◪ **(071-437 4343)**

◆ **BEETHOVEN'S 2ND** (U): Overly bland family fun with six St Bernard dogs. Rod Daniel directs Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hunt and an army of four-legged friends.
MGMfix: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road ◪ **(071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Trocadero** ◪ **(071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys** ◪ **(071-792 3332) Warner** ◪ **(071-437 4343)**

◆ **THE HOUSE OF THE SPIRITS** (15): Highbrow soap opera from Isabelle Allende's epic novel about a Latin-American family's power and passions. *With Jeremy Irons, Glenn Close, Meryl Streep. Bille August directs.*
Canadian Plaza (071-485 2443) Empire ◪ **(0800-888 911) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) UCI Whiteleys** ◪ **(071-792 3332)**

◆ **PHILADELPHIA** (12): An Aids victim's fight for justice. Compromises galore but dynamically told. *With Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington; Jonathan Demme directs.*
Barbican ◪ **(071-638 8891) MGMfix: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) Trocadero** ◪ **(071-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914668) Mezzanine** ◪ **(0426 915683) Swiss Cottage (0426 914096) UCI Whiteleys** ◪ **(071-792 3332)**

SHORT CUTS (18): Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Tim Robbins and Lily Tomlin.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Lumiere (071-836 0691) Odeons: Kensington (0426-914 668) Swiss Cottage (0426 914096) Renoir (071-837 8402) Warner ◪ **(071-437 4343)**

◆ **SISTER ACT 2: BACK IN THE HABIT** (PG): Whoopi Goldberg returns to the wimple. Unwise, clawding, preachy sequel to a one-off hit.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914668) Leicester Square (0426 915683) Swiss Cottage (0426 914096) UCI Whiteleys ◪ **(071-792 3332)**

NEW ON VIDEO: Harrison Ford flees the law, John Ford upholds it

■ **THE FUGITIVE**
Warner, 15, 1993
THE 1960s television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford's runaway convict hunted by helicopter, chased through a storm drain, trying to find the one-armed man glimpsed at the scene of his wife's murder. Harrison Ford invests Dr Kimble, the man on the run, with genuine feeling; and Oscar-winner Tommy Lee Jones has the time of his life as the marshal on Kimble's trail.

■ **AMONGST FRIENDS**
PolyGram, 18, 1993
HOODLUMS squabble, bullets fly and tyres squeal. But these hoodlums are well-heeled suburbanites from Long Island. Apart from that novelty, Rob Weiss's debut feature shows the hollow frenzy typical of a young director overdetermined to grab Hollywood's lapels. The lookalike cast includes Steve Parlavecchio, Joseph Lindsey, and Patrick McGaw; the bratpack of tomorrow?

■ **THE CEMENT GARDEN**
Tartan, 18, 1992
WHAT with teenage incest, adolescent angst and a dead parent buried in concrete, Ian McEwan's book is a wonderful gift for a film-maker trying to make a splash. Andrew Birkin, alas, only makes a dribble. Striking performances, though, from Charlotte Gainsbourg and Andrew Robertson, and an effective evocation of an inner-city scrubland wilting in summer heat.

■ **IP5**
Artificial Eye, 15, 1992
AN old man with a dicky ticker teaches a graffiti artist and an 11-year-old sprite the wonders of nature and love. Stylised twaddle from Jean-Jacques Beineix, though his striking camera eye provides a visual feast, and there is more tenderness than usual. Sekkou Sall delights as the young rapping wonder, Jockey. Yves Montand, who died shortly afterwards, is touching as the old man.

■ **LIFT TO THE SCAFFOLD**
Electric, PG, 1957
IF you're out and about murdering, never get trapped in an office block lift after hours. That is the lesson of Louis Malle's first fiction feature, a slick, cleverly constructed thriller with Jeanne Moreau and Maurice Ronet. Moreau's street wanderings now strike a hollow period note; Miles Davis's improvised jazz score is a matter of personal taste. Malle's second feature *Les Amants* is also available.

■ **MY DARLING CLEMENTINE**
FoxVideo, U, 1946
JOHN Ford's famous Western is crammed with magic moments, from the final shoot-out to simple images such as Wyatt Earp sitting on the verandah with his chair propped up. Henry Fonda gives the marshal a moral dignity history suggests he does not quite deserve; and in a strong cast, even that amusing hulk, Victor Mature, impresses as the consumptive Doc Holliday. This video includes the original trailer.

■ **THE WEDDING BANQUET**
Mainline, 15, 1993
AN Americanised immigrant from Taiwan (Winston Chao) fails to tell his parents he's gay. The plot may have the unrealistic, tidy pattern of a television sit-com, but the director, Ang Lee, digs deep into the characters' feelings, and avoids easy laughs about sexual preferences. A delight.

GEOFF BROWN



Tommy Lee Jones gets into the swim in pursuit of Harrison Ford in *The Fugitive*

FINAL WEEK OF GREAT JAZZ OFFERS

Guitar men plucked from obscurity

Technology has transformed the instrument, says Clive Davis

THE TIMES GREAT JAZZ COLLECTION

In rock music the guitar is king; as a jazz instrument it has been more of a handmaiden. Freddie Green, one of the most respected of all guitarists, spent decades in the engine room of the Count Basie orchestra, laying down a metronomic four to the bar pulse without taking the limelight.

Technology transformed guitar playing in the late 1960s, fuelling the explosion of jazz-rock. The most gifted players to come out of that often bombastic tradition — Pat Metheny and John McLaughlin — today draw on an ever more exotic palette of electronic and synthesiser effects.

For many listeners Reinhardt is easily the most lyrical of all players, but conventional jazz technique reached new heights in the work of Wes Montgomery. In an all too brief period (he died from a heart attack in 1968, aged 43), Montgomery blended mercurial phrasing with an unusually mellow tone, partly achieved by strumming with his thumb rather than using a plectrum.

While Montgomery gives the impression that he is nonchalantly skating through melodies, Joe Pass burrows deep into their harmonic roots. Pass's early years were overshadowed by a succession of drugs convictions before he emerged as a rival to Montgomery in the early 1960s.

Many guitarists — including Montgomery — have acquired the basics of their craft by assiduously listening to old Charlie Christian records. As a teenager Barney Kessel had the good fortune to gain first-hand experience, when Christian — like Kessel, a native of Oklahoma — gave him invaluable advice on the importance of learning to swing when improvising.

Charlie Byrd's name will be linked forever with the bossa nova boom of the early 1960s. Classically trained (he once studied with Segovia), he was increasingly drawn to Latin rhythms after taking part in an American State Department-sponsored tour of South America.

The jazz guitar can suffer from an excess of virtuosity, but Kenny Burrell, my favourite, can execute quicksilver bop runs with the best of them, yet he is essentially a master of colour and mood.



Barney Kessel (above) learnt from Charlie Christian

Four free jazz CDs

THIS coming week is your last chance to collect four free CDs of great jazz music offered by *The Times*, in association with Original Jazz Classics. The recordings cover four aspects of jazz music — great jazz groups, saxophonists, pianists and guitarists.

The free recording offered today, *The Great Jazz* Guitars, features some of the greatest jazz guitarists of all time: Charlie Byrd Trio, Joe Pass, Barney Kessell, Wes Montgomery and Kenny Burrell.

HOW TO GET YOUR FREE JAZZ CDs

● To take advantage of this offer, simply collect two tokens from *The Times* (five will be printed next week, starting Monday, April 4) and attach them to the coupon printed below. When you have collected your two tokens, complete the coupon and send it to the address below, with a cheque or postal order for £1.98 made payable to "Free Music" to cover the cost of postage and packaging.
● Send your application to: *The Times*, The Great Jazz Collection, P O Box 2002, Romford, Essex, RM3 8GQ. Allow 28 days for delivery.
● Readers also have the opportunity of collecting their fourth free CD in person from the following collection points on Friday, April 8, between 10am-noon and 2-4pm: Global Video, 12-14 Moss Side Road, Shawlands, Glasgow. MFA Limited, 10 Ashton Gate, Romford, Essex. R&L Bebe, 5 Bishops Road, Cleeve, Bristol. Fox & Hayes, Bank House, 150 Roundhay Road, Leeds.
● If you missed week one (*The Great Jazz Groups*), week two (The Great Jazz *Saxes*) and/or week three (*The Great Jazz Pianists*) of the collection, you can still order a copy by simply ticking the relevant box on the coupon. You must also enclose a further £1.98 per CD to cover postage and packaging.
● Offer subject to availability.

THE GREAT JAZZ GUITARS

The Great Jazz Guitars CD has a total playing time of 44 minutes 19 seconds, with quality sound from Original Jazz Classics.

1. Charlie Byrd Trio, featuring Keter Betts, Bill Reichenbach — "Let's Do It" (4min 25sec)
2. Joe Pass — "She's Funny That Way" (4:46)
3. Barney Kessel, featuring Bud Shank, Buddy Collette, Red Mitchell, Shelly Manne — "Easy Like" (4:01)
4. Barney Kessel, featuring Bud Shank, Buddy Collette, Red Mitchell, Shelly Manne — "Tenderly" (3:11)
5. Wes Montgomery, featuring, Hank Jones, Ron Carter, Lex Humphries, Ray Barretto — "Repetition" (3:48)
6. Wes Montgomery, featuring Tommy Flanagan, Percy Heath, Albert Heath —"D'Natural Blues" (5:25)
7. Wes Montgomery, featuring Tommy Flanagan, Percy Heath, Albert Heath — "Four on Six" (6:11)
8. Barney Kessel, featuring Bob Cooper, Claude Williamson, Monty Budwig, Shelly Manne — "My Old Flame" (3:34)
9. Barney Kessel, featuring Bob Cooper, Claude Williamson, Monty Budwig, Shelly Manne — "Jeepers Creepers" (3:48)
10. Kenny Burrell, featuring Thad Jones, Joe Henderson, Jon Paddis, Jimmy Smith — "I didn't Know About You" (5:10)

THE TIMES GREAT JAZZ COLLECTION

Name_____

Address_____

_____

_____

_____ Postcode_____

AFFIX ONE TOKEN HERE

AFFIX ONE TOKEN HERE

Please send me No.1 *The Times* Great Jazz Groups CD ☐. No. 2 *The Times* Great Jazz Saxes CD ☐. No. 3 *The Times* Great Jazz Pianists CD ☐. No. 4 *The Times* Great Jazz Guitars CD ☐ (please tick). I enclose a cheque/PO for £1.98 per CD made payable to FREE MUSIC to cover p&p. ☐ Please tick this box if you do not wish to receive future offers from *The Times* or companies approved by them. Orders must be received by 28th April 1994.

The Theatre Club invites you to dinner and a ride on a *Carousel*

Make a meal of a night out

THE TIMES THE THEATRE CLUB

SOME of the Theatre Club's most popular events in the last year have been the combined theatre and dinner tickets. Often, we arrange the best tickets for a top West End show, and include dinner in a fine restaurant for little more than the normal ticket price — or even free.

For example, the recent offer of seats for the tap dance extravaganza, *Hot Shoe Shuffle*, coupled with dinner at the Criterion Brasserie — all for £25.50, only £2 more than the usual ticket price — proved so popular that places had to be found for Theatre Club members on extra evenings. This week members have another chance to enjoy a full evening out for less than the normal cost of the theatre tickets alone

LONDON
Shaftesbury Theatre
May 2-5; 30-June 2
● *NICHOLAS Hytner's* multi-award winning production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's great musical *Carousel* has been a sensation on Broadway. *With show-stopping songs* such as "June Is Bustin' Out All Over", "If I Loved You" and "You'll Never Walk Alone", here are all the ingredients for an unforgettable evening.

The Theatre Club has also arranged a special three-course pre-show dinner with a glass of wine and coffee at L'Amiral Restaurant at the *Mountbatten Hotel, near the* theatre. Tickets are £29.50 which includes a top-price seat (normally £30). To book call Freephone 0800 335588

Sadler's Wells
April 12, 13
● FOLLOWING critically acclaimed performances during the 1993 Edinburgh Festival, the Bill T. Jones / Arnie Zane Dance Company returns to London for the first time in eight years. The company is regarded as one of the hottest tickets on the international dance circuit. Jones continues to enthral and move audiences with his dazzling choreography exploring the joy and pain of life, love and sex. Members can attend the first or second night of the London season for £14.50 (normal price £19.50). Tel 071-278 8916

Lyric Studio Theatre
April 11-14
● THE Lyric, Hammersmith, hosts the world premiere of *900 Oneonta*, a new American play written and directed by David Beaird. The play stars Jon Cryer, Douglas Henshall and Linda Marlowe. Tickets have been reduced from £7 to £5. Tel 081-741 8701

BIRMINGHAM
Repertory Theatre
April 19-22
● FRANCESCA Annis and Frank Middlemass head an all-star cast in a new production of Oscar Wilde's *Lady Windermere's Fan*, directed and designed by Philip Prowse. Described by Wilde as "one of those modern drawing-room plays with pink lampshades", it has all the Wilde hallmarks of wit and wry observation of the affectations of society. Club members can save £2 on the top-price tickets, normally £15.50 and £14.50. Tel 021-236 4455

DARTFORD
The Orchard
April 13-16
● ENGLISH Touring Theatre begin their nationwide tour of George Farquhar's *The Beaux' Stratagem*. This *warm, romantic comedy* takes a wry look at marriage and divorce with the help of two sophisticated but broke Londoners visiting a country inn in search of wealth and women. Tickets have been reduced from £11.50 to £9.20. Tel 0322 220000

DUNDEE
Repertory Theatre
April 8-30
● EUGENE O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey Into Night* is regarded by many as the finest and most powerful play to have come out of America. It tells of one man's attempt to understand himself and his tortured relationships with his father, his beautiful and sensitive mother and his guilt-ridden elder brother. Members can save 20 per cent on full-price tickets (normally £6) for any Monday to Wednesday performance. Tel 0382 23530



After eight years away from London, Bill T. Jones brings his dazzling dances to Sadler's Wells

KENDAL
The Brewery.
April 22-May 2
● THE Theatre Club has arranged a 20 per cent saving on all full-price tickets (normally £5.50, £6) for the 11th Northern International Festival of Mime, Dance and Visual Theatre. Performers from Spain, France and Belgium will be among those providing ten days of exhilarating physical and visual theatre, from the funny, familiar and accessible to the downright dangerous. Telephone the festival box office on 0539 725133 for more details and to book

NEWCASTLE
Playhouse
April 18-20
● WITH aggressive nationalism rearing its head in much of Europe there is no better time for Northern Stage to present *Andorra*, Max Frisch's uncompromising play about racism. Andri is 20, Jewish and, despite having lived in Andorra all his life, is still considered an outsider. On the surface Andorra is a welcoming and peaceful community — until enemies gather at the border and the people begin to look for a scapegoat. Members can buy £12.50 tickets for £9.50. Tel 091-230 5151

TORQUAY
Princess Theatre
April 18-23
● STARRING Elizabeth Power and Catherine Shipton — familiar to viewers of *EastEnders* and *Casualty* respectively — *Murder Once Done* is a spine-chilling new play by Richard Harris, author of the enormously successful *Stepping Out* and *Outside Edge*. Members can buy two tickets for the price of one (normally £7.50, £8.50 and £9.50). Tel 0803 290290

HOW TO JOIN THE CLUB

To Book for any of this week's special offers telephone the listed number during normal office hours. Members can buy two tickets for any club offer. The price printed on the ticket you receive is the special price negotiated on members' behalf by the Theatre Club. In some cases there may be a transaction charge to cover postage.
To Join the Theatre Club either send a cheque for £12.50, made payable to The Theatre Club, together with your name, address and telephone number to The Theatre Club, PO Box 2164, Colchester CO1 1GN or telephone 0206 41662 using your credit card. Please allow 28 days for delivery of your membership pack. For general enquiries please telephone 071 387 9673

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

RECORDINGS: Princely soul, Kissin joy, Liszt in the underworld, and the pick of the new releases

POP SINGLES

David Sinclair

■ **PRINCE**
"The Most Beautiful Girl In The World"
NPG 6015-5★★
A SHARP change of direction from the leering, rock 'n' roll strut of "Peach", this time our not-so-young loverman is in full uptown, soul-smoothie mode. On the face of it his protestations of undying love are as romantic as they come — "U're the reason that God made a girl" — but there is still an indefinably salacious undercurrent to his skimpy, falsetto delivery. Buoyed by an expensive but unobtrusive mainstream soul arrangement, this is already his biggest hit for years in America, and threatens to be a similar success here.

□ **LENA FIAGBE**
"What's It Like To Be Beautiful"
Mother MUM49★★
BORN of Ghanaian-Liberian parentage, brought up in Crouch End, north London, and blessed with an exceptional vocal range, 25-year-old Lena Fiagbe has absorbed a wide range of musical ideas. But the influences which stick out most on this beguiling track are those of Carole King and Joan Armatrading. The lyrics are a bit obvious — "Every little step, every little sound, every little move that you make I notice, 'cause you are beautiful to me" — but the song has a cute, summery feel, warm enough to melt the hardest heart.

□ **DADA**
"Dim"
I.R.S. 8 81237 2★★★
ANOTHER blazing performance by the powerhouse pop guitar trio from California, lifted from their estimable debut album, *Puzzle*. Impeccable harmony vocals, chiming guitars, a neat, tight snare sound and an uptempo, pedalling bass are the key ingredients, and it has even got a tune. The words are a bit weird, as usual, and it is all rather too accomplished to be a serious contender for chart honours. But it is nice to know that they still make them like this.



Prince, or, as he prefers, "the artist who used to be known as Prince", is enjoying his biggest hit for years in America

POP ALBUMS

David Sinclair

■ **PINK FLOYD**
The Division Bell
EMI 8 28984★★
TO say that *The Division Bell* is in the classic Pink Floyd mould would be an understatement. From the shimmering haze of ambient sound and suspenseful, bluesy guitar noodling of the opener, "Cluster One", to the dolorous, eight-and-a-half minute epic "High Hopes" which ends the album with the sound of a ghostly, clanging bell, it is a compendium of traditional Floydian hallmarks.

Songs of panoramic scope, some slow, others slower, unfold with lazy splendour, while portentous themes of alienation and emotional numbness are amply served by the grandiose arrangements and imagery.

David Gilmour sings with icy-cool detachment, sounding like a god who has grown slightly bored with the mortals below, yet still seeks to fathom some eternal truth from their endless comings and goings.

However, it is his fastidious guitar playing — a clean, liquid Stratocaster tone that he bends into keening spirals of notes — which dominates a listening experience that is more romantic odyssey than a mere pop album.



JAZZ

Clive Davis

■ **LIONEL HAMPTON**
You Better Know It!!!
Impulse! GRP-11402★★★
THE sight of Lionel Hampton, now a frail octogenarian, shuffling onto the concert stage for another reunion with his old comrades has not been a particularly edifying spectacle. The spirit may still be willing — it is a miracle that he has even been able to consider touring — but his recent shows have only served as a reminder of how forceful a performer he was in his prime.

The same applies to the last handful of albums. Long out of print, *You Better Know It!!!* slips back to a more fruitful era, embodied in a sterling 1964 jam session with a sextet featuring Clark Terry and Ben Webster.

In the public's eye Hampton has always been an extrovert big band entertainer, but the truly creative music-making has invariably occurred in smaller line-ups. This set is no exception (although you would be well advised to pass over an execrable version of "Jingle Bells", presumably made with one eye on the Christmas charts).

Reprising some of Hampton's prewar recordings with his own groups and with Benny Goodman — among the most intoxicating small-group jazz ever committed to record — the remainder of the date is the epitome of easy-going, late-night swing.

The earlier versions of, say, "Sweethearts on Parade" or the inspired riffing on "Pick a Rib" will never be bettered. Yet these slightly more leisurely readings, with the rough edges planed away, take on a life of their own, and it goes without saying that Hampton and Webster make a perfect combination on ballads.



Hampton: easy-going swing

□ **BENNY GOODMAN**
Yale Archives, Vols 6&7
Limelight
5186761518677★★
ANOTHER intriguing collection of previously unissued private recordings from the Yale University Music Library. On the first, from 1966-67, Goodman trots through the standards at New York's Rainbow Grill. A more challenging assignment finds him sitting in with a sextet led by Flip Phillips and Bill Harris in 1959.

□ **GENE HARRIS QUARTET**
A Little Piece of Heaven
Concord CCD-4578★
A DEPENDABLE crowd-pleaser, the American pianist goes in for more grandstanding choruses on "Take The A-Train" and a surprise detour through the Bobbie Gentry pop epic, "Ode to Billy Joe".

CHAMBER

Hilary Finch

■ **CHOPIN**
Piano Music Vol I
Evgeny Kissin
RCA 09026 60445 2★★★
ANOTHER live Carnegie Hall recital from the now 23-year-old Evgeny Kissin, and another sure candidate for the best of the year. Kissin began playing at two, gave his first concert at ten, and first showed himself to the world at large ten years ago. This Chopin disc, the first of a projected but well spaced series, has an impressive maturity and wisdom and compares, in technical skill and imaginative vision, with the best in the catalogue.

The great 14-minute Fantaisie in F minor is at first held back, as if a mighty energy lay in wait. And during the waiting, Kissin plays with a simplicity which is free of any cliché or mannerism, even as the music begins to burgeon. The spritely little march halfway through reveals the *puer eternus* within Kissin, which resurfaces in the sense of fun he brings to the *Grande valse brillante* in A flat.

This is played as the third of a *Grand valse* group which begins with the A flat, Op 42, trilling with a virile, yet all but weightless melody, and spinning on its elegant way over the most highly polished of dance floors.

Three nocturnes again bring out the blithe spirit in Kissin with the Op 27 No 1 inhabiting an enigmatic sound-world of cunningly balanced weight and tone. Brilliance is here, too, in generous measure in the Op 44 Polonaise, and an Op 32 Scherzo, which peals out the sheer joy of playing.

□ **BARTOK/DEBUSSY/RAVEL**
Piano music
Joanna MacGregor
Collins Classics 14042★
JOANNA MacGregor, better known for her coupling of Bartók with Django Bates, Debussy with the Duke, here offers a relatively conventional programme, unpredictably handled. Bartók's *Six Dances in Bulgarian Rhythm* are played in a way which immediately shows MacGregor's awareness of the links between improvisation in both folk and jazz music. There are recordings of more primitive energy but MacGregor's fluid, relaxed yet rhythmically astute performances seduce in their own way.

The *Out of Doors Suite* which follows with its crisp baroque cameos, its "Barcarolla" and its "Musettes", reveals MacGregor's love of Bach. Its barely articulate night music is nicely offset by the demented gigue MacGregor makes of "The Chase".

Her Debussy is best of all. She plays six of the *Douze Etudes* and, on the continuum between virtuoso study and imaginative fancy, her performance veers towards the latter. MacGregor creates an evocative picture of past times in the elusive finger movement of the study in fourths, and seems to hear the exotic sounds of the gamelan in the study on repeated notes.

Ravel comes off less well, simply because MacGregor seems reluctant to yield to the heavy beat and heady sway of his *Valses*. They are a little laid-back, almost nonchalant in their movement.

20TH CENTURY

Stephen Pettitt

■ **CARTER/SCHULLER/BABBITT/CAGE**
Orchestral works
Chicago SO/Levine
Deutsche Grammophon
431 698-2★★★
EXCEPT for Pierre Boulez, conductors regarded as living legends rarely make forays into the contemporary or nearly contemporary repertoire, so it is good to welcome this disc from James Levine and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Levine has chosen four tough pieces from the 1950s and 1960s which confirm the breadth of the American musical scene at that time.

Elliott Carter's taut Variations for Orchestra, premiered in 1956, was his first orchestral foray into that world of multi-layered, polyrhythmic music which he subsequently made his own. Gunther Schuller's *Spectra*, from 1958, fascinatingly exploits the possibilities of an orchestra split into seven distinct groups. Then comes a diametrically opposed pair: Milton Babbitt's uncompromising serial essay *Correspondences* for strings and tape, from 1967, and John Cage's *Atlas eclipticalis* from 1961, a set of parts "to be played in whole or in part in any ensemble . . . with or without *Winter Music*". Here it sounds predictably but excitingly anarchic.

Levine and the Chicago SO play all of these fascinating pieces marvellously — a far cry from the days when the orchestra which commissioned the Babbitt had to cancel the premiere because they could get nowhere near the notes. The recording, too, is exemplary.

□ **LIGETI**
Cello Concerto/Piano Concerto/Chamber Concerto
Perényi/Wiget/Ensemble Modern/Eötvös
Sony SK 58945★★
SONY is apparently in the process of recording a lot of Ligeti, and a good thing too; one of the great living composers, he invariably makes exquisite sound-objects. This issue, containing the magically static Cello Concerto (1966), the vigorous, non-chromatic Piano Concerto (1985-88) and the wonderfully variegated Chamber Concerto (1969-70), shows this Hungarian composer's fine ear for textures and colours. The acoustics of the Bartok Hall at Szombathely in Hungary are a touch dry, but the performances by the Ensemble Modern are superb.

OPERA

John Higgins

■ **WAGNER**
Der fliegende Holländer
Behrens/Hale/Rydl/Vienna Philharmonic/Dohnanyi
Decca 436 418-2 (2 CDs)★★★
FROM the outset Decca's *Holländer* has the touch of true class. In the overture Christoph von Dohnanyi whips up the Vienna Philharmonic until the North Sea spume almost flies through the loudspeakers and then draws from it the luminosity of the redemption theme. Equally impressive is the Vienna State Opera chorus, whether in Wagner's jolly Norwegian songs or doubling as the macabre crew. The *Holländer* needs atmosphere. Here it is, in abundance.

Robert Hale is probably today's leading Dutchman. If he has not laid claim to the title already, then he certainly can now. He unwraps the character gradually, first cloaking him in gothic mys-



Behrens: missionary zeal

tery with the most controlled of soft singing before letting the elation show in Act II as he believes he nears his goal.

Hildegard Behrens matches his insights with a Senta who is swept away from her prosaic fishing village into a dream world. Her soprano seems to shed almost 30 years to suggest the young Senta's fears and missionary zeal. Only the final cries, as Senta throws herself after the Dutchman's vessel, elude her.

There are two outstanding tenors in Josef Protschka as the huntsman, Erik, a landlubber lost amid the mythology of the sea, and Uwe Heilmann as the Steuermann, drowsily dreaming of girls ashore.

ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

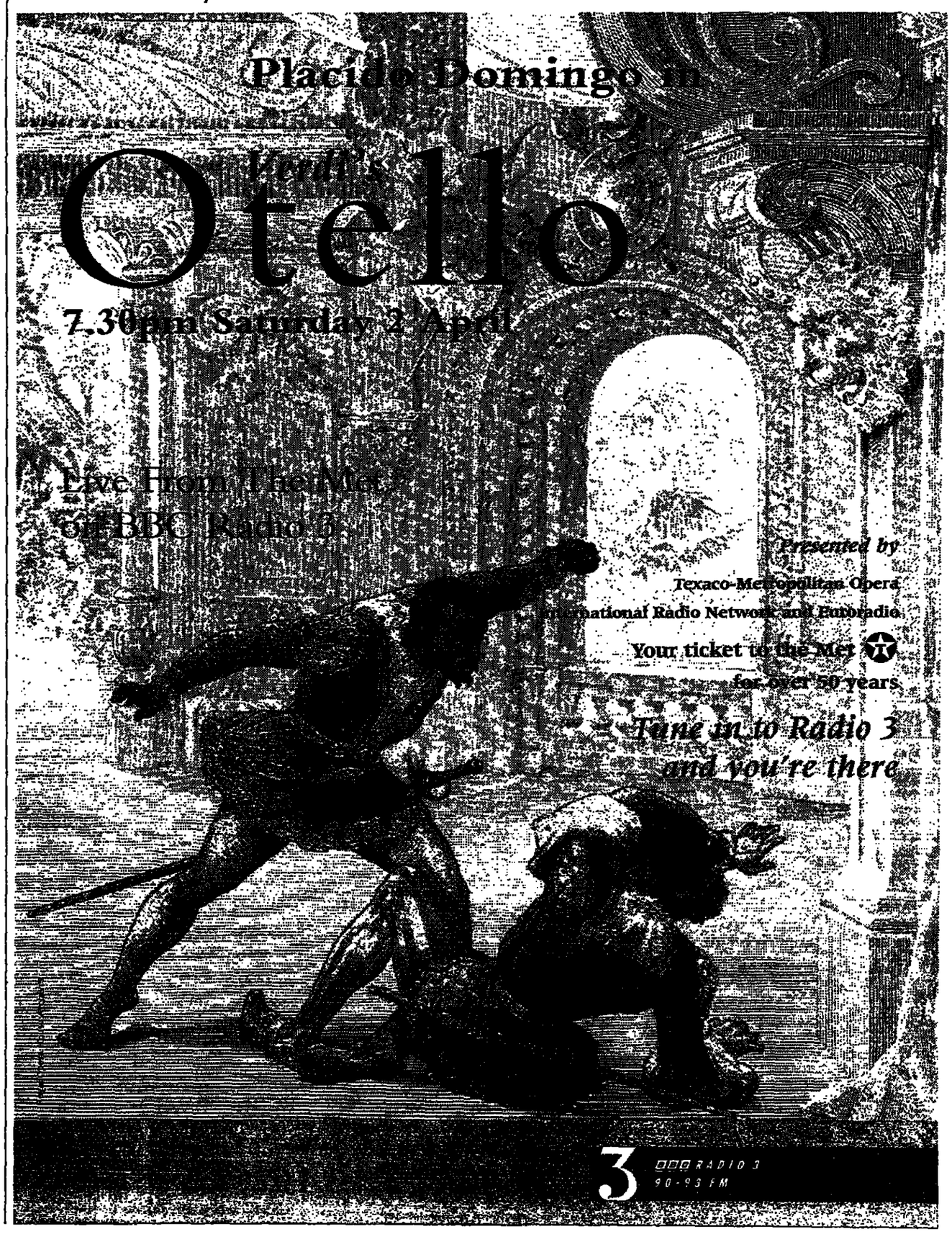
■ **LISZT**
Dante Symphony: Dante Sonata
Berlin PO/Barenboim: Barenboim
Teldec 9031-77340-2★★★
NEITHER of Liszt's two symphonies, the *Faust* or the *Dante*, is a symphony in the conventional sense. With their graphic programmes and technique of thematic transformation, they are both more akin to the composer's series of symphonic poems. The *Dante* is less of a masterpiece than the *Faust*, but it deserves to be heard more often than it is, and Daniel Barenboim's new recording with the Berlin Philharmonic makes the strongest case for the work.

The first movement, depicting the Inferno, is of such an episodic nature that organic symphonic argument is out of the question. Barenboim holds the balance between the beatific and the infernal, building tension magnificently to the apocalyptic statement of the brass motto "Abandon hope, all ye who enter here", and realising the harp and flute texture of the aftermath with a Debussy-like delicacy.

The second movement, Purgatorio, depicts the state of waiting for entry to paradise, and Barenboim perfectly gauges the sense of floating, suspended animation. Paradise as such is not represented: Liszt took Wagner's advice that it would be impossible, appending instead a setting of the Magnificat. The women of the Berlin Radio Choir give a good impression of a celestial chorus.

The unusual but apt coupling is the *Dante* Sonata for piano, played by Barenboim himself in a performance that is both introspective and commanding.

★ *Worth hearing*
★★ *Worth considering*
★★★ *Worth buying*



TO ADVERTISE CALL: 071 481 1982

SHOPAROUND

FAX: 071 481 9313

THIS ADVERTISEMENT IS DIRECTED TO ALL LOVERS OF PERIOD FURNITURE, BASED ON THE RECOGNISED MASTERS,

SHERATON, CHIPPENDALE AND HEPPLEWHITE



Producers of Reproduction furniture use CHIPBOARD or MULTIPLE DENSITY FIBREBOARD THINLY COVERED WITH MAHOGANY VENEER. By law this type of furniture must be described as MAHOGANY FINISH.

GENUINE SOLID MAHOGANY is very rare, only the finest firms with impeccable reputation can supply magnificent furniture using the SOLID mahogany.

The cost of a table to seat up to 12 would be in the region of £4,000 or possibly more. It would have to be ordered, and allow making time of between 6 and 14 weeks. To obtain such a table from stock is unheard of.

GRACEWELL DESIGNS LTD the producers of this advertisement are offering a complete stock of SOLID MAHOGANY TRADITIONAL FURNITURE. Each table a masterpiece in its own right. Each chair a classic. All made in the UK by English Craftsmen. No waiting for delivery.

Viewing by appointment in HENDON, London NW4 1ET.
This ensures individual attention.
Tel. 081 203 6027 or 081 203 7370.
Car service operates 9 am - 6 pm. Simply telephone and tell us approximate time you will be at HENDON CENTRAL STATION on the Northern Line, and a car will be waiting for you and of course it will take you back.

Terms of business. We believe our business terms are unique.
NO DEPOSIT IS NEEDED WHEN PLACING ORDERS. PAYMENT IS MADE WHEN YOU HAVE SEEN THE FURNITURE IN YOUR HOME, ON DELIVERY.
All prices include current VAT. There is a delivery charge based on distance, however if for any reason the furniture is not accepted, then we pay the delivery charge as well.

We can deliver World Wide.

Price Guide:
SOLID MAHOGANY TABLES SHERATON PATTERN.
To seat up to 10 £895.
To seat up to 12 £1095.
To seat up to 14 £1895.

For Board Rooms, Banqueting Rooms, or Stately Homes we can supply tables to seat up to 60 people.

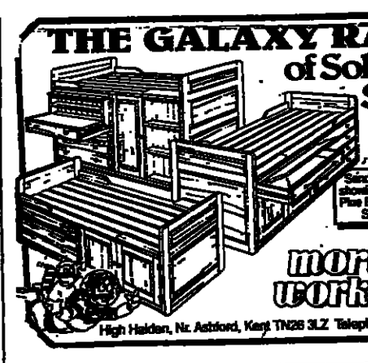
SOLID MAHOGANY CHAIRS.
Chippendale and Hepplewhite designs from £139.50.
Hand carved Ribbon back replicas with ball and claw feet £399.
NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR CARVER CHAIRS.

We have been privileged to supply members of the Nobility, Stately Homes, H.M. Forces in UK and Overseas, banks and stockbrokers, national institutions and leading seats of learning.

We suggest you visit any first class dealer in traditional furniture and then view this collection.

We conclude by informing corporate bodies that we are in a position to fit out entire offices virtually by return, with period design desks, finest leather furniture and matching filing cabinets from stock.

THE GALAXY RANGE of Solid Pine Storage Beds



Send SAE for colour brochure showing our complete range of Pine Beds & Furniture, Futons, Sofas and Sofa Beds.
Dept (T)

moriartis workshop

High Haldan, Nr. Ashford, Kent TN26 3LZ Telephone: (0233) 850214

Re-leather your desk or table



We supply leathers in hand-dyed colours with easy fitting instructions. Choice of gold tooling. Postal service worldwide

SEND S.A.E FOR COLOUR BROCHURE & SAMPLES
K.RESTORATIONS
2A FERDINAND PLACE, LONDON NW1 8EE
TELEPHONE 071-482 4021

The Chelsea Plant Stand



Natural Pine. Complete 15 mins to assemble. Rustproof fittings. Ready to finish for indoor/outdoor use. L 55" H 29" W 24"
£39 Add p+p £3
48 Hr despatch
ORDER BY PHONE ACCESS/VISA OR BY CHEQUE/PO
Illustrated details from S.A. Johnson
THE DOMESTIC PARAPHERNALIA Co.
Dept. T, Unit 15, Marine Business Centre, Dock Rd, Lytham, Lancs PY8 5AJ, England
Tel: 0253 736334 24hrs. Fax: 0253 795191

The 'Sheila Maid'



Traditional Clothes Airer
Cast Iron Rack-ends, Pulleys and Cleat, Screws/Plugs
Natural Est. 1986
Jute pulley cord. Complete and ready to Install.

NATURAL PINE RAILS	5'	7'	8'	9'
The 'ORIGINAL'	£34	£34	£38	£40
(Castings Grey Metal Clear Coated)	£32	£34	£36	£38
COLOURS (Castings Red, Blue, Green, Black, White)				

P+P ADD £3 EACH 48 HR DESPATCH
ORDER BY PHONE ACCESS/VISA OR BY CHEQUE/PO
Illustrated details from S.A. Johnson
THE DOMESTIC PARAPHERNALIA Co. Dept. T
Unit 15, Marine Business Centre, Dock Rd, Lytham, Lancs PY8 5AJ, England
Tel: 0253 736334 24hrs. Fax: 0253 795191

CUBES SHELVING TRESTLES DESKS ETC

Inexpensive drawers, record units wardrobes, cupboards & shelving beech, white, black for home/work Mail-order catalogue (or visit us) CubeStore 58 Pembroke Rd W8 081-994 6018 (24hrs) also Suffolk

English Oak Furniture *from Jacobus*

traditionally hand made at Manor Farm and delivered to your home. Beautifully finished in our workshop or save up to 35% by adding the final touches yourself.

Send two 1st class stamps for colour brochure & prices

MANOR BARN, DEPT TT 34, MAIN STREET, ADDINGHAM, ILKLEY, W. YORKS LS29 0PJ
TEL (0943) 830176

ASTHMA *ALLERGIES* *SKIN DISORDERS*

Our products include

dust mite proof bedding, air cleaners, light boxes, untreated bedding, paints, car filters, VDU screen protectors, water filters

Send for a free catalogue

The Healthy House
Cold Harbour, Rusconbe, Stroud, Glos GL6 6DA
Tel: 0453 752216
Fax: 0453 753533

TRADITIONAL CORNISH FISHERMAN'S SMOCKS



ONLY £17.99 EACH
• £2.45 P&P
• IDEAL WORK
• HOBBY
• LEISURE WEAR
• 100% COTTON DRILL
• HARDWEARING
• WINDPROOF
• MACHINE WASHABLE
SIZES S(34-36) M(38-40) L(42-44) XL(46-50)
COLOURS: Navy, Bottle Green, Bright Red, Royal Blue, (State 2nd colour choice) Generously cut to wear over shirt or jumper. STATE STYLE: ROUND OR V NECK. 10 day despatch. Money back g'tee. Tel Orders: 081 673 9300. Cheques/P.O's to: THE FULFILMENT BUSINESS LTD. (TH) UNIT D, 11B, WEIR ROAD, LONDON, SW12 0LT

GENUINE BIRTHDAY NEWSPAPERS

From famous archive saved from the past. Printed between 1642-1992. Also Sunday Newspapers from 1915. Ready for presentation. Same day dispatch. Gift of ever increasing value

REMEMBER WHEN
368 Brighton Road, South Croydon, Surrey.
081 688 6323

THE ORIGINAL BRETON SHIRT

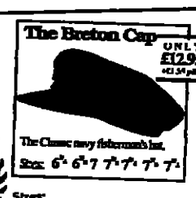


ONLY £14.95 ±£1.95 p&p

2 Shirts still only £29.95 incl.

The Original French Fisherman's striped working shirt. Made from 100% knitted unbleached cotton to a square cut style. So comfortable they're addictive!

The Breton Cap



ONLY £12.95 ±£1.50 p&p

The Classic navy fisherman's hat.
Size: 6⅝ 6¾ 7 7⅛ 7¼ 7⅜ 7½

Sizes:
34" 36" 38" 40" 42" 44" 46"
Sizes 32" & 48" available in Cream/Navy
Childrens sizes available in Cream/Red & Cream/Navy
Colours:
Cream/Navy
Cream/Burgundy
Cream/Green
Cream/Red
Cream/Light Blue NEW COLOUR
immediate dispatch

Orders to: The Breton Shirt Co. Dept T3), P.O. Box 15, BRAMPTON, Cumbria. CA8 1RB
Credit Cards Tel: 06977 41936 or fax 06977 41937

BUTLER'S TRAY

This traditional piece of furniture is designed to take drinks & to be folded away when not in use.



Made of solid mahogany in traditional deep red finish.
Overall height 26¾" Width 17¼" length 24¾"
PRICE £119
DELIVERED
For further details contact:
Classic Reproductions Dept TBT
Workshop Outlet
Signal Yard, Swan Corner
PEWSEY, WILTSHIRE SN9 5HL
Big range of classic furniture
Visitors welcome 9-5, Mon-Fri
Tel: 0672 63333 Fax: 0672 62391.

PRICE PROMISE

If you can buy similar style furniture for less money in any High Street shop within a 100 mile radius of London (Sales and special offers included) we will supply you with similar furniture for 10% less than that shop's price.



£250 FREE

Towards any piece of furniture for every £1000 spent from our trade price list; £500 free for every £2000 spent – the list is endless...
Fine hand made replica furniture to a standard unsurpassed this century.
Made by mastercraftsmen in Burr Walnut, Yew and Mahogany including dining tables, sideboards, chairs, cocktail cabinets, desks, filing cabinets, desk chairs, bookcases, and handmade button leather upholstered chairs and chesterfields.
TOGETHER WITH A FINE MACHINE MADE ECONOMY RANGE OF EXCELLENT VALUE FAITHFUL REPRODUCTIONS
SEND FOR BROCHURE OR VISIT 15000 SQ FT OF SHOWROOMS
OVER 1000 ITEMS ON DISPLAY
BRITISH ANTIQUE REPLICAS
SCHOOL CLOSE, QUEEN ELIZABETH AVE.
BURGESS HILL, (near Brighton) WEST SUSSEX RH15 9RX
Tel: (0444) 245577

Kingsized Kingsize beds

For hand-crafted, luxurious beds and matresses, we'll build anything you want. And very inexpensively too. Because we bypass the middleman, you don't have to be royalty to lie in the lap of luxury.

For more details, phone us now
071 404 9191



A DIVISION OF HAVERSHAM BEDS (MFG) LTD
Big Bed Co.
NATIONWIDE DELIVERY CUSTOMER CARE CASH SERVICE
FREEPOST (EDO 5562) ILFORD ESSEX IG5 0BR.

HOUSE DUST MITE ?

ASTHMA? ECZEMA? RHINITIS? THEN FIT DERPI DUSTOP BEDDING COVERS.
THE ONLY BEDDING COVERS TO GUARANTEE A 100% SEAL
Details: Allergy Relief Products Ltd. Mansion House, Mansion Road, Southampton, SO15 3SP
Tel. 0703 332919/668709
Fax. 0703 332919/678226

IRISH LINEN

WHITE SHEETS 9'x5' £16 each
PILLOW CASES, White £3 each
FREE POSTAGE & PACKING
For further details phone:
0793 848550
CHANGEWEAR
Dept T. 17/20 High St, Wootton Bassett, Swindon, Wilts, SN4 7AA.

HOUSE DUST MITE?

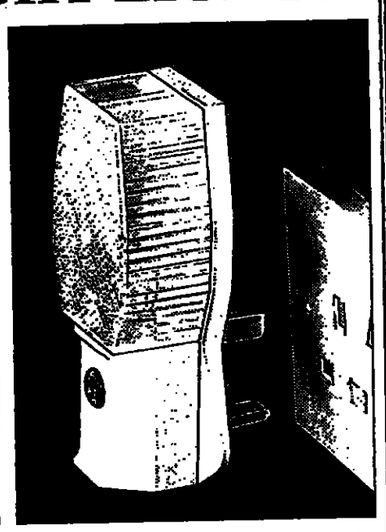
ASTHMA? ECZEMA? RHINITIS? THEN FIT DERPI DUSTOP BEDDING COVERS.
THE ONLY BEDDING COVERS TO GUARANTEE A 100% SEAL.
Details: Allergy Relief Products Ltd. Tel/Fax 0703 332919.

THE TIMES READER OFFER

SAFETY NIGHT LIGHTS

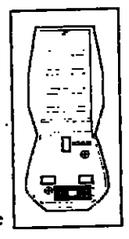
only £14.95 for two

with replaceable safety fuse and including 2 FREE spare bulbs



Conforming to British Standards No. BS 4533 and fitted with a British Standards replaceable 1 amp fuse our safe and useful night lights feature a special sensor to turn them on at dusk and off at dawn.

Simply plug into a standard 3 pin socket and the 7 watt bulb provides enough light to illuminate a hallway, landing or bedroom for as little as 1p per night.



Ideal for both children and the elderly in improving safety at night, the night light also acts as a deterrent to would-be burglars and prowlers.

Our price, including carriage and VAT, is only £14.95 for TWO lights and we are including 2 free spare bulbs. Simple operating directions including replacement of bulb and fuse will be sent with the night lights.

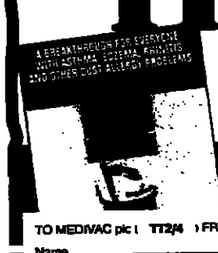
Please allow up to 28 days for delivery. If you are not completely satisfied return your lights within 7 days for a full refund.

HOW TO ORDER
Fill in the coupon and send together with cheque or postal order/s. NO CASH to: THE TIMES SAFETY NIGHT LIGHTS OFFER, HALAND HOUSE, YORK ROAD, WEYBRIDGE, SURREY. KT13 9ET
We deliver to U.K. addresses only.
*Phone Weybridge (0932) 853400 for enquiries

Please send me [1] [2] [3] [4] Pairs of SAFETY NIGHT LIGHTS at £14.95 per pair (delete as applicable)
I enclose cheque/postal order (no cash please) value £_____ made payable to The Times Safety Night Lights Offer or debit my Access/Visa No.
Name _____ Mr/Mrs/Miss
Address _____
_____ Post Code _____
Telephone No (_____) _____
Signature _____ Credit Card expiry date ____/____
☐ Please tick the box if you do not wish to receive future offers from The Times or companies approved by The Times.
CREDIT CARD HOLDERS MAY ORDER BY PHONE (0932) 856520
Send to: The Times Safety Night Lights Offer, Haland House, York Road, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 9ET

Reg. public England. Reg. Office. Times Newspapers Limited P.O. Box 495 Virginia Street, London E1 9XY

ASTHMA? YOU MUST READ THIS



For FREE Information Pack, send coupon No Stamp Needed OR PHONE:
0625 539401 (24 hrs)
Medivac HEALTHCARE
TO MEDIVAC plc (TT2/4) FREEPOST, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE SK9 5YE
Name _____
Address _____
_____ Postcode _____
NO SALESPERSON WILL CALL

Dunlopillo LATEX LX



Also SUPER QUALITY CAREFOAMS, HEAVY DENSITY FOAMS and BUDGET FOAMS.
FIRE RETARDANT
we cut to any shape or size!
CUSHIONS in soft, medium, firm or extra firm PLUS stockinette undercovers and fitted covers for...
■ LOUNGE CHAIRS ■ FIRESIDE CHAIRS
■ SETTEES ■ DINING CHAIRS
■ COTTAGE SUITES ■ BENCH SEATING
■ CARAVAN AND BOAT SEATING
MATTRESSES - any shape or size for ■ Bunks ■ Cabin Beds ■ Single or Double Beds ■ Odd shaped or odd sized beds ■ Four Poster Beds
Also SOFT MATTRESS OVERLAYS ease discomfort in a too hard bed. If your bed is so hard it's uncomfortable you need a SOFT MATTRESS OVERLAY...just lay over your existing mattress to bring instant relief.
OPEN MON-FRI 9 till 5, SAT 9 till 1. TEL: (0532) 678281
Please send stamp with coupon for brochure or telephone (24 hours)
Mr/Mrs/Miss (CAPITALS) _____
Address _____
_____ Post Code _____
FOAM FOR COMFORT Ltd
FFC Dept TT2, 401 Otley Rd, Cookridge, Leeds LS16 7DF.
PHONE (0532) 678281 for our COLOUR BROCHURE

SPECIAL OFFER

TO ALL READERS

MAGIC COOKER HOOD FILTERS



SOAKS UP SMELLS & GREASE
FREE DISPOSABLE GLOVES with every pack

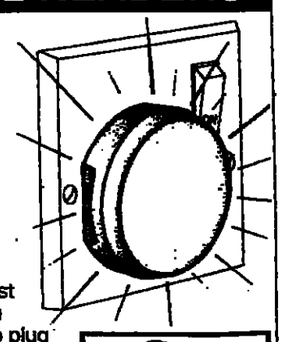
Still getting cooker smells even though you have a cooker hood extractor? Why not check to see if the filter needs replacing.
Our replacement filters fit all cooker hoods with or without an outside vent and will allow your unit to work to its optimum performance by soaking up smells and absorbing grease. It will even indicate when it needs changing as the colour changes from white to red, so you know when to replace it.
Flame retardent to British Safety Standard.
1 pack (2 standard 18" x 12" filters) only £7.99
2 pack (4 standard 18" x 12" filters) only £12.99
Extra thick packs also available that will absorb more grease & smells, and last longer.
1 extra thick pack (2 18" x 12" filters) only £8.99
2 extra thick packs (4 18" x 12" filters)only £14.99
Please add £1 postage & packing per order.
Orders to: J.E.M. MARKETING, (AML/0042) J.E.M. House, Little Mead, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 8ND

24 HOUR ORDER HOTLINE
0483 268888
Quote (AML/0048)

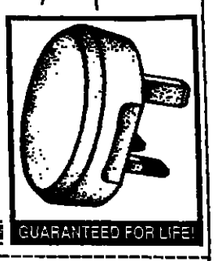
Please send me the following:
☐ One std pack £8.99 (inc p&p) ☐ Two std packs £13.99 (inc p&p)
☐ One thick pack £9.99 (inc p&p) ☐ Two thick packs £15.99 (inc p&p)
I enclose my cheque (address on back) made payable to: J.E.M. MARKETING or please debit my Access/Visa account with the sum of £ _____
Card Expiry Date _____
Card No: [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]
Signature _____
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
_____
_____ POSTCODE _____
Orders to: J.E.M. MARKETING, (AML/0048) J.E.M. House, Little Mead, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 8ND

SPECIAL OFFER TO ALL READERS

FIT & FORGET SAFETY NIGHTLIGHTS



These clever nights lights will give a warm orange glow wherever they are plugged in, helping illuminate stairs, furniture and dark corners.
Perfectly safe, they have British Standards number BS 1363, and when left on 24 hours a day, they cost around 6p a month to run, so just plug in, switch on and forget them. They are no bigger than a 13 amp plug and are ideal for giving a little light wherever it is needed, especially if you need to get up at night. They will also make your home look lived in even when you're out.
Ideal for the bedrooms of children and the elderly.
These high output pluglights each contain two super-charged neon lights and are guaranteed for life. There is no need to buy replacement or spare bulbs and should they fail, just return them to the manufacturer for replacement. They cost just £6.95 per pair and there is a special reduction on a set of four at £12.95.



GUARANTEED FOR LIFE!

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
_____
_____
POSTCODE _____
Signature _____
I enclose my cheque (address on back) made payable to: NIGHTLIGHT OFFERS or please debit my Access/Visa account with the sum of £_____ Card Expiry Date ____/____
My card number is [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

NIGHTLINE ORDER HOTLINE
0483 268888
Quote AML/0049

Orders to: THE NIGHTLIGHT OFFER J.E.M. House, (AML/0049) Little Mead, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 8ND

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Qty	Price (inc p&p)	Total
	NIGHTLIGHTS (per pair)		£6.95	
	NIGHTLIGHTS (set of four)		£12.95	
	MONEY BACK IF NOT DELIGHTED		Total £	

هكذا من الأصل

The shops now arriving at Britain's airports are branches of the London high-flyers, with quality and prices to match

Iranian Beluga Caviar (below), 1kg, £1,318; Sevruga Caviar (centre of page), 1kg, £399, Oscietre Caviar (bottom of page), 1kg, £621. Available from Caviar House, at the four Heathrow terminals and at Gatwick

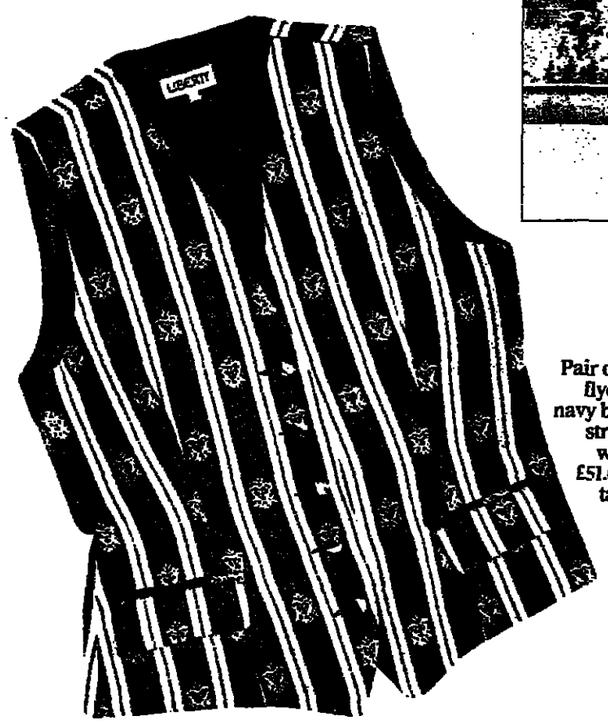




ALCOCK/BROOKS

Blue-silver watch, £23.40. Swatch shop, Heathrow terminals 1-4, Gatwick N, Manchester and Luton





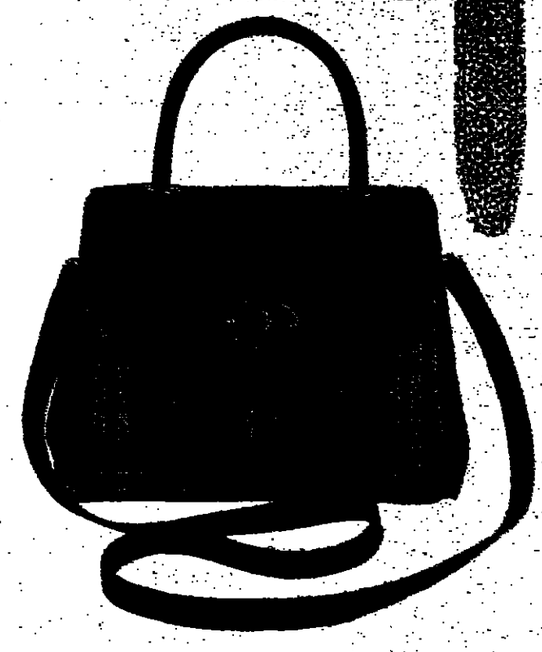
Pair of smart high-flyers: patterned navy blue and gold, striped, brocade waistcoat (left), £51.02, and fitted, tapestry waistcoat (below), £51.02, from Liberty, at Heathrow Terminal 3 (enquiries on 071-734 1234)



Branches of the big-name, luxury shops at Britain's airport terminals earn ten times more per square foot than the equivalent store in the high-street



Homeward-bound visitors at airports look for typically "British" gifts, such as Wedgwood Florentine teapots at £97 and Dunhill sweaters starting at £149



Kelly bag, £114.89, Burberrys, Heathrow terminals 1-4, Gatwick N and S, and Stansted (enquiries 071-930 3343)

New flights of fancy at a shopper's check-in



If your idea of airport shopping is a dash round Duty Free to buy scent, cigarettes and gin, next time check in early and you'll discover a new world has landed. There are renowned shops selling goods with designer labels and an influx of high-street stores selling everything from golf clubs to a tin of foie gras.

Airport shops are the biggest source of income for the British Airports Authority. The shops earn an average of £4,000-£5,000 per square foot a year — tenfold the average high-street equivalent.

In the last 12 months, sales at the airports' luxury shops have increased by 70 per cent as passengers browse round in the limbo time before take-off and are attracted by the wider range of goods and the incentive of at least 17.5 per cent off the usual prices.

Airport shops once had a bad reputation for over-pricing goods, but the BAA has stepped in to dispel this image. Since April 1991, it has operated a Fairprice Value Guarantee, which offers a money-back guarantee on prices and service at all shops and restaurants within its airports, which include Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Glasgow and Edinburgh. These days, you should never find that a product at the airport costs more than it does in the high street.

Most of the airports' tax-free stores offer two kinds of goods — items for yourself or gifts for people you are visiting.

Heathrow has the largest selection of stores with 111,377sq ft of retailing floor and 59 duty and tax-free shops divided between the four terminals. A favourite is Terminal 4's marble-lined mall, a shrine to the designer boutique with a line-up including Harrods, Burberry, Gucci and Salvatore Ferragamo.

Harrods at Terminals 3 and 4 was the first big department store to open at Heathrow, in 1992. Both terminal branches are teeming with Japanese and Americans, who rush for things "British", such as turquoise Wedgwood Florentine teapots at £97 and Dunhill sweaters starting at £149. In contrast, the British traveller is more interested in Barbour jackets at £99.95-£125.50, Sega Mega Drives at £33.99, Mr Blobby videos at £9.35 and giant Toblerones at £3. Signature gold and green mugs (£5.95) and sets of six table mats (£15.95) make reasonably priced gifts to take abroad.

Last-minute shopping for gifts is a compulsive airport pursuit. At the Harrods golfing section, the Havard family



from St Ives, Cambridgeshire, were searching for something "typically British" to take relatives in Australia. They settled for a set of golf balls, tees and a towel with "St Andrew's Golf Club" splashed across it, which came to £11.

Edible gifts can be found at Caviar House, in all four Heathrow terminals, as well as the North and South terminals at Gatwick. There are "home-made" chutneys and preserves (£4.99), lemon curd (£2.75), shortbread (£4.15) and anchovy relish (£2.95). The emphasis is on presentation, with goods lavishly wrapped.

Unlike other airport shops, Caviar House prices are not tax-free. They range from £2.75 for a pot of brandy orange marmalade to £17,395 for an exclusive 1 litre bottle of Armagnac brandy. Smoked salmon and caviare account for more than half of the store's sales. Customers can choose from Iranian Sevruga, Oscietre or Beluga caviare, starting at £23 for 30gm of Sevruga. Celebrities in transit often stop off at Caviar House for half a dozen oysters. Last year, Melanie Griffith and Don Johnson took home tinned caviare costing £2,000, a sum which leaves the store's operations manager, Wayne Fay, unimpressed. "It's nothing out of the ordinary for a customer to spend £1,000," he says.

At Heathrow Terminal 1, the shirtmaker Thomas Pink does a roaring trade with commuting businessmen awaiting European flights. Pink's clearly displayed styles, collar sizes and prices make buying shirts a swift and painless experience. Customers pay the tax-free price of £36.17, instead of £42.50 for a classic double-cuff cotton shirt, £27.23 instead of £32 for a woven silk tie, and £20.42 instead of £24 for a short-sleeved polo shirt.

At Butler & Wilson, at Terminals 1 and 3, European businesswomen indulge in fashionable and funky jewellery. The spring collection of jewels has just arrived and is mostly cream and crystal with faux pearl and Perspex pendants, cord tassels and Venetian glass. There are grape cluster ear-rings and necklace (£40.85 and £83.40), and crystal strands from £19.57.

Those heading for the sun should try the Sunglass Hut (Heathrow Terminal 3 and Gatwick South), which sells glasses for sun and sport, including Ray Ban, Vuarnet and Oakley, and designer shades by Versace, Georgio Armani, Guess and DKNY. There are often special offers on lines such as the classic Wayfarer Ray Ban — £45 instead of £69.

Spirits are the best buys in the Duty Free, with savings of 20-40 per cent. All BAA airports run permanent "special offers" of 50 per cent off 50 brands of spirits, ranging from Bells and Famous Grouse whisky to Gordon's gin and Absolut vodka. There are 60 brands of cigarettes, at about 40 per cent off.

Before buying duty-free, passengers should check on customs allowances. To destinations within Europe, an individual over 18 may take up to one litre of spirits and, over age 16, 200 cigarettes.

Perfumes and beauty products, temptingly packaged and slickly advertised, are hard to resist, with prices at least 21 per cent cheaper than normal shop price. A 50ml bottle of Jean Paul Gaultier eau de toilette, normally £32.50, costs £25.65, and a 50ml bottle of eau de toilette Chanel No 5 costs £24.45 instead of £31.50.

The final flight call can come as a financial relief.

ALICIA DRAKE

If Fido has your specs for breakfast, we'll give you a new pair without making a meal of it.



It's no laughing matter when your best friend decides to eat your spectacles.

However, if you bought them at Dollond & Aitchison there is a chance you'll see the funny side of it.

Because every pair of spectacles that we sell comes complete with our very own twelve month No Quibble guarantee.

Which means that if, during the first year, they are accidentally damaged in any way, then we'll repair or replace them absolutely free of charge.

Whether they've been broken, crushed, smashed, or just plain eaten.

What's more, if your glasses are lost or stolen during this time, we'll give you 30% off the normal selling price of a replacement pair.

This No Quibble promise is just part of the unique Dollond & Aitchison Gold Seal Guarantee.

To find out more, and to view our wide range of quality frames, simply call in at your local branch.

But, please, leave Fido at home.

DOLLOND & AITCHISON

THE OPTICIANS

Trust in our care and experience

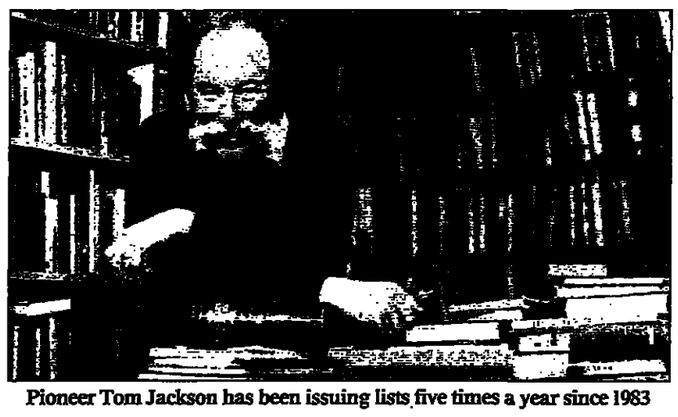
BRANCHES NATIONWIDE

Amassing cook books can be an all-consuming passion. Antiquarian first editions command hefty prices

Food for thought from a bygone age

Just as every rock star cites the initial thrill of Presley's *Heartbreak Hotel* as The Moment They Just Somehow Knew, so it is with foodies when they hark back to that first olive oil-stained Penguin, *A Book of Mediterranean Food*. Such was the passion of one foodie, Liz Seeber, for both cook books (especially Elizabeth David's) and food, she has made a living from her passions.

A lifelong cook, cook book collector and dealer, and vastly knowledgeable foodie, her first list of antiquarian and modern cook books is hot off the press, packed with titles to make you salivate, as well as many fascinating and gossipy asides. Her list arrives after more than 20 years in publishing and newspapers (including six years at *The Times* as editorial assistant to three past editors). She published her own cook book in 1987, *Simple Food*, co-authored with her husband Gerd — "a novelist," Mrs Seeber says, "who bakes the most perfect bread in the world."



Pioneer Tom Jackson has been issuing lists five times a year since 1983

The list makes fascinating reading. One passage refers to the great Eliza Acton (rather charmingly misprinted as the more pacy Eliza Action), the daughter of a brewer: luckily, she abandoned her awful poetry in favour of recipes. Another covers the hugely influential early 19th-century author of *The Art of Cookery*, Hannah Glasse, who eloped at 16 with a penniless soldier. And then there's the revelation about Mrs Beeton, who died at the age of 29: she didn't like cheese.

But what of the actual business of cook book collecting? How does one become hooked, and how does one feed one's appetite? "I started in the 1970s with the Cordon Bleu part work," says Liz Seeber. "Then I discovered Elizabeth David. I had gathered about 400 beautiful cook books, and I have been collecting them ever since."

Do collectors actually use their books in the kitchen? "I hope they do," says Mrs Seeber. "*I* do — otherwise it's like keeping the silver in the safe. I *write* in mine." So is the world of cook book collecting like other branches of bibliophilism, where condition is all? "Of course. A really fine copy of a classic would fetch a premium, but signs of use are quite accepted; sometimes you find bits of old food in the pages, which is not quite so nice."

One early pioneer of cook book collections is Yorkshireman Tom Jackson, the memorably moustachioed former General Secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, who has been quietly issuing lists of cook books, five times a year, since 1983. Jackson, whose fabulous whiskers are still intact (though "much whiter", he says), has seen every fashion in cook book collecting come and go ("you get waves of vegetarianism") and recommends his way of life to any newcomer.

Although collections of recipes date back to Roman times, it was not until the 18th century that such books became commercially successful. Of the 309 cook books then in existence, Eliza Smith's *Compleat Housewife* is the most renowned. A 1727 first edition would fetch £2,000, though even a seventh edition (the book was reprinted 18 times over 50 years) could command £450. Hannah Glasse's *The Art of Cookery* would cost £6,000 for the 1747 first edition; any 18th-century edition would be at least £200. Elizabeth Raffald is another great (she died at 48, having produced 16 daughters in 18 years). Her aptly titled *The Experienced English Housekeeper* is worth £800 for the 1769 first edition, and around half that for later 18th-century ones.

The Victorian era saw a huge rise in the popularity of more everyday cook books. Between 1875 and 1914, 1,194 titles were published (although this figure was more or less equalled in 1993 alone), the giants being Eliza Acton — whose *Modern Cookery for Private Families* (1845) is essential to any collector (£500 for a first edition, £200 for an early reprint) — and, of course, Mrs Isabella Beeton: only £500 for the first edition of the illustrated *Book of Household Management* (1861).

Twentieth-century cook books are collected in their own right: Elizabeth David's first editions in dust-wrappers (some by John Minton) fetch between £30 and £100, while Jane Grigson's books on fruit and vegetables are already established classics.

"Jane Grigson was the first of the more user-friendly cooks," says Mrs Seeber. "I have all of hers, and Richard Olney (*Simple French Food*) is a real star. Robert Carrier used to be very sought after but is deeply unfashionable now. Katie Stewart's *The Times Cook Book* is an absolute must."

And what about the cook who has just about out-sold all the rest — Delia Smith? "She's *so* practical," says Mrs Seeber. "It's not shaming to use Delia anymore; I *always* follow her profiteroles recipe. These days people *boast* of using Delia and M&S. I don't use M&S, I cook from scratch. I'm not a 'first catch your turtle at daybreak' cook, but I am a passionate mushroom hunter."

One book Liz Seeber hankers after is housed at Longleat: a unique copy of *The Boke of Cookery*, printed in 1500 by one of Caxton's apprentices. And what would she do with this £30,000 book? The response from this newly established dealer is rapid: "I'd sell it."

JOSEPH CONNOLLY

● *Liz Seeber's first list is available free of charge from 10, The Plantation, London SE3 0AB (081-852 7807, fax 081-318 4675).*

● *Jackson's of Ilkley is at 22, Parish Ghyll Road, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, LS 29 9NE (0943 601 947)*

ADRIAN BROOKS



Many of Liz Seeber's books originate from the 18th century, when the genre became popular

Saleroom

PREVIEWS

☐ **Glen Baxter**, the cult artist/cartoonist, is showing at the Eagle Gallery from Wednesday. Subjects include heroes hanging off rock-faces and canoeing up rapids. Prices range from £350 to £2,500.

☐ **Sister Wendy Beckett**, the BBC's favourite art pundit, opens the 13th British International Antiques Fair in Birmingham on Thursday. The fair offers Georgian and Regency furniture, silver, jewellery, pottery, paintings and glass.

☐ Catalonia meets London at the **Bruton Street Gallery** from Thursday with an exhibition by the much-admired Catalan artist Vayreda C. The artist has chosen to portray a series of London street scenes. Prices range from £3,000 to £8,250.

☐ Following the success of their sale of dinosaur eggs and droppings, **Bonhams** are having a second Natural History sale on Friday, which includes an 80,000-year-old cave bear skeleton (£13,000 to £15,000) and a fossil of a pterodactyl (£20,000). But the star promises to be one of the world's biggest eggs, laid 300 years ago by the great elephant bird of Madagascar.

REVIEWS

☐ Early 20th century artist Sir Alfred Munnings R.A. is back in fashion at **Sotheby's**. *The Devon and Somerset Staghounds* tripled its estimate at £69,700, while *Dunkery Beacon, Exmoor*, a lyrical landscape, doubled its estimate at £12,075.

☐ At **Sotheby's**, European contemporary art has also been performing well. Works by Lucio Fontana and Jean Dubuffet sold for £91,500 and £78,500 respectively.

☐ Mrs David Jenkins, wife of the Bishop of Durham offered two miniature fairground carousels at **Phillips**. The one featuring horses sold for £1,725; the other, decorated with motorcycles, failed to attract interest.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

● *Eagle Gallery, 159 Farringdon Road, London EC1 (071-833 2674); 13th British International Antiques Fair, Hall 6, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham (021-780 4141); Bonhams, Montpelier Street, Knightsbridge, London SW7 (071-584 9161); Bruton Street Gallery, 28 Bruton Street, London W1 (071-499 9747).*

The Times Prize Jumbo Crossword

ACROSS

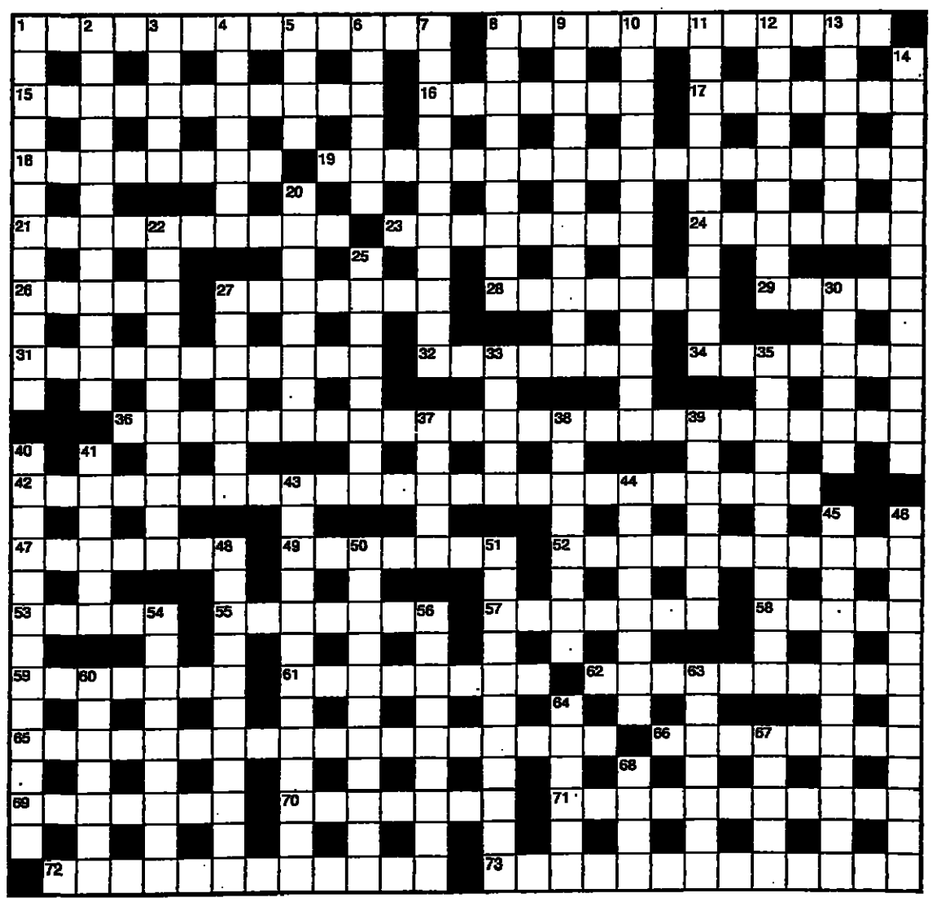
1 March past, occasion for tricky manoeuvres? (5,5,3)
8 Player's skill or scoring ability (12)
15 On your high horse? This could help you descend (7,4)
16 Pragmatic approach Liberal is following in paper (7)
17 Engineers beside a track knock up sleeper again (7)
18 Method of dismissal liable to spread disorder (8)
19 Poet and novelist's heard interrupting another poet and novelist (6,7,5)
21 Pedestrian music-lover (10)
23 Profit from midwinter holiday (8)
24 Raise from English Channel, mostly wrecked (7)
26 This character acts desperately out of love (5)
27 Plenty of time to enter long parade (7)
28 Find, in Easter, renewal of the world (7)
29 Fruit in two hands, left unfinished (5)
31 Rare and ancient composition put in new frame (11)
32 Spotted again, we hear, in mirror (7)
34 Ultimate goals concealed by one minister after another (7)
36 Extremely harsh instant description from 19 (5,2,3,9,5)
42 Last line of pages giving confectioners hope of good season? (5,6,4,3,6)
47 Very fit chestnut, perhaps, gets round course here (7)
49 Walk through water round bog — or keep off (7)
52 Change to business, absorbing 100 smaller parts (11)
53 Ground for a house (5)
55 Unquestionable legal document restricting police force (7)
57 Drink wine, such as Marsala (7)
58 Sort of grass from a river bank (5)
59 Composer hiding at gorge (7)
61 Put into office? Elected, say, Democrat (8)
62 Wretched sweets I had to return (10)
65 City's custodian, later transferred to the national team (10,8)
66 Awful V1's drop near English and explode (8)
69 Almost fasten the latest female garment (7)
70 Publication revealed as treason after beheading (7)
71 Piano and wind instrument — note string coming in on tape made earlier (3-8)
72 Taking original view, academic triumphs in a tricky situation (2,5,5)
73 Dessert you have mostly demolished? It's followed by diet (6,7)

DOWN

1 Opposing one in socialist group, a right-winger is forward-looking (12)
2 Love affair in story to take on board (12)
3 Port needs decanting from bottle, I think (5)
4 Material in extreme letters newspaper possibly printed first (7)
5 Major share-holder used to represent us (4)
6 Boat hard to see in dull surroundings (6)
7 Dismiss churchman, one not needed for cathedral (4,7)
8 Control over aid statesmen organised (5,4)
9 Our hero gets dragon beheaded, i.e. destroyed (5,6)
10 Divided leaders of campaign often may go mad (13)
11 Order called me up into a division (11)
12 Chips and peas cooked in modern craft (9)
13 It may achieve full expression in this language (7)
14 Wee fighter that mostly dodges about? (13)
20 Being disorientated, with mist almost filling port (8)
22 Special importance about article he delivers (11)
25 Equipment for art department heads allowed in (8)
27 Marine left one company as protection for those going in (7)
30 One employed in factory is easy to control (6)
33 Men prepared to fight on behalf of church (5)
35 Protest producing disorder in Roman street (11)
37 Two sweethearts about to cut and run thus (5)
38 Citizen getting epistle — he's associated with Diana's centre (8)
39 Conductor collecting silver shilling on top (7)
40 Powerful reactionary group in business organisation (13)
41 High note from singer in audition (6)
43 Is even getting involved in property to achieve power (13)
44 Advance payments mostly kept in readiness, not creating boom (8)
45 Kept in touch, as agreed (12)
46 Work of 19, after 73 (3,9)
48 Infinity between two points? Not so (11)
50 Changing plans of the French in prevailing situation (11)
51 Seed talks at length about final point (11)
54 Is that Peg smashing a dish? (9)
56 Coward possibly showing a little spirit at first (9)
60 Close in child later in the day (7)
63 How to make scores of sixty (7)
64 Meat for each food container (6)
67 Apt to have Royal occupying front page (5)
68 Fuel leaking from under vehicle (4)

TEST YOUR WORD POWER IN OUR CROSSWORD COMPETITION

Prizes of £50 will be given for the first five correct solutions opened on Monday, April 18, 1994. Entries should be sent to Jumbo Crossword, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The winner and solution will be published on Saturday, May 7, 1994.



NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

POSTCODE .....

Times Two Easter Crossword

There are no prizes for this crossword. The answers will be published on Monday

ACROSS

1 Doctor's conduct guide (7,6)
8 Underwriting (12)
15 Nonsensical (story) (4,3,4)
16 Mournful (of poem) (7)
17 Tough bully (7)
18 Tuned percussion instrument (8)
19 Compère (6,2,10)
21 Degree of nobility (10)
23 Short joke (3-5)
24 From the south (7)
26 Positioned (5)
27 The Scottish play (7)
28 Illustrations for publication (7)
29 Pleasure boat (5)
31 One without a degree (3-8)
32 Pickled herring (7)
34 Annoys (7)
36 Finance minister (10,2,3,9)
42 Top-ranked chessplayer (13,11)
47 Able to vary shape (7)
49 Malleable (7)
52 Balance (11)
53 Three-dimensional figure (5)
55 Looked quickly (7)
57 Settled for night (7)
58 Release (5)
59 Item on display (7)
61 Nonsense (5-3)
62 Small-scale football games (4-1-5)
65 Pirates' flag device (5,3,10)
66 The Devil (NT) (8)
69 Foreign (7)
70 Bold display (7)
71 Word picture (3,8)
72 Acting monarch (6,6)
73 Gironde-region wine (5-4-4)

DOWN

1 Tarring (road) (12)
2 Slowing down (12)
3 Long-nosed American mammal (5)
4 Runs in tights (7)
5 Loyal (4)
6 Out (tree) (2,4)
7 One utterly reliable (5,6)
8 Irregular soldier (9)
9 Endlessly (2,9)
10 Paris landmark (3,2,8)
11 Serviette (5,6)
12 In competitive style (9)
13 Less pleasant (7)
14 Seekers of converts (13)
20 Staked enclosure (8)
22 Bill insufficiently (11)
25 Second city of Colombia (8)
27 Picture of Our Lady (7)
30 Summon for action (4,2)
33 Indefinite-term prisoner (5)
35 Roughly (11)
37 Ignited again (5)
38 Parasite (6-2)
39 Moved king behind rook (7)
40 Deprivation of property (13)
41 Pleasant walk (6)
43 Not feasible (13)
44 EC commodity surplus (8)
45 Baked food for anniversary (8,4)
46 Pretends to be another (12)
48 Drab, sweet-singing bird (11)
50 Make room for (11)
51 Confirm (testimony) (11)
54 Has as minor hobby (7,2)
56 Very tedious (3,2,4)
60 Pride (7)
63 Blow up (7)
64 Vessel for brewing up (6)
67 Fluid of rubber plant (5)
68 Stake (4)

SOLUTION TO no. 128

ACROSS: 7 Easy 8 Opponent 9 Humorous 10 Toys 11 Advent 13 Doddle 15 Bypass 17 Chancy 19 Oral 21 Easterly 23 Insecure 24 Last

DOWN: 1 Saturday 2 Bygone 3 Solo 4 Episodic 5 United 6 Only 12 Tasteful 14 Luckless 16 Asleep 18 Age-old 20 Runt 22 Sped

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

They know what stink to make in cloud cuckoo-clock land

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

Thank you! It is now a fortnight since I wrote of my intention to send a cow to Africa, and your letters and donations have been overwhelming. There has been the odd reservation, and a few questions, and I hope to answer these next week when I shall also have news of the cow herself.

For those of you who have not a clue what I am on about, I would ask you, too, to be patient for another seven days when all will be explained.

But this last week I have been almost as removed from Africa as it is possible to be: I have been in the Swiss Alps where an invitation to visit Herr Hari's cheese cellar proved irresistible. Hari's Dairy sits snugly in an Alpine village 4,500ft above sea level, yet it is from even higher up the mountains that the cheese originates. Swiss cows, who spend most of the winter in dark but warm barns, are more than adequately compensated in the summer when they are turned out to graze the lush pastures of the upper slopes. Here they clang their bells harmoniously as they bend their heads towards the herb-rich, flower strewn meadows, and munch. It is as if the hills are alive with the sound of ... oh, sorry. Of course, the cows are regularly milked, and since you cannot get the milk removed by bulk tanker from up an Alp, the milk is made into cheese. It is to Hari's dairy that these cheeses come to mature.

You go underground to get to the chilly dairy proper, and as the door is opened it is as if the lid had been taken off some gigantic cheese-dish: the odour could knock you sideways. Believe me, it is so potent that when you are invited to taste, it is the merest of transparent slivers that you are given, with white wine to tranquillise your palate immediately afterwards.

I asked how this stuff was made halfway up a mountainside, and was told that the herdsmen had no electricity and so the milk was gently heated in an old iron pan over a log fire. To this, simmering milk rennet is added to start the cheese-making process. He showed us typical bowls, utensils and cheese presses.

I was staring at these gnarled antiquities, wooden ladles and chipped jugs, all still in regular use, and a thought struck me: although everything in Switzerland is cleaner than here, if this were Britain, the whole operation from the embers of the pine-log fire



to the fingers of the herdsman as he milked the cow, would be banned. That cauldron, for example, looked seriously smoked: how were we to be certain that Heidi herself had not washed her socks in it? Come to think of it, the cheese does have a distinctive ... but no, that is an unworthy thought: this is a truly fine cheese of which they are justly proud. And they subsidise the making of it. How else could a family and a few cows make a living up above the clouds?

The answer is obvious; we were in Switzerland, beyond the reach of the European Community. The Swiss, not one of the 12 who play under the ridiculous rules of common farming policies, recognise a good thing when they see it. When it comes to running their dairy farming, do not believe for one minute that the Swiss are living in cloud-cuckoo land: they have decided that uneconomic though this old farming practice may be, it keeps alive tradition and preserves the unique nature of the Alpine meadows, leaving the landscape as groomed as the tourist expects.

Alas, in Britain, we have as yet been unable to place any value on our farming traditions. Unlike the Swiss, we put every obstacle, and no money, in the way of enterprising but frustrated farmers who might want to make cheeses, hams, sausages or even ice-cream. We have pulled the green rug from under the feet of the hill farmers who receive none of this set-aside money which has made lucky cereal farmers 60 per cent richer than the year before. Yet we still expect to visit the Dales, the Fells, and the mountains and see the dry stone walls in perfect order and a sprinkling of white sheep artistically arranged against the heather. But ask any upland farmer and he will tell you our hills are alive with the sound of the funeral march.

If sovereignty in Europe means anything, surely it must be the right to do with our land and landscape that which is best for it, and for the people who have to make a living off it, as the Swiss do. As I climbed the steps from Hari's pungent cellar, I decided that, as farming policy goes, it is not theirs that stinks.

MARATHON COUNTDOWN: With the London race two weeks away, **Mel Batty** sets the final training plan for the Times teams

The Times teams

THE two Times marathon teams are in good shape. Their latest Bupa tests (see explanation below) show how their fitness has improved. Many have already run a competitive half marathon:

Mel Batty's team:

Philip Bischler, aged 37: half marathon 1hr 37min.
Bupa results: Heart rate 64. Body fat 21.1% (change since last test -0.4%). Lung function 75%. Physical fitness 41% (improvement since last test nil). *Running test ten minutes (av 7-8 minutes)*

Chris Duane, 29: half marathon 1hr 43min.
Bupa results: Heart rate 59. Body fat 19.4% (change -2). Lung function 84%. Physical fitness 14% (improvement 11%). *Walking test 13min (av 14min).*

Lyn Plumpton, 62: half marathon 2hr 11min, personal best.
Bupa results: Heart rate 46. Body fat 25.9% (-1.3). Lung function 82%. Physical fitness 63 (improvement nil). Walking test 12min (av 9-11min).

Jacqueline Drabciynski, 38: half marathon 1hr 53min.
Bupa results: Heart rate 50. Body fat 21.1% (-6.4); Lung function 86%; Physical fitness 55% (improvement 21%). Walking test 15min (av 10min).

Richard Drabczynski, 42: half marathon 1hr 49min.
Bupa results: Heart rate 54. Body fat 29.7% (-1.2). Lung function 71%. Physical fitness 56% (improvement 4%). Running test 7min (av 6-7min).

Chandra Malde, 52: Half marathon 2hr 29min.
Bupa results: Heart rate 61. Body fat 39.6% (-1.6). Lung function 81%. Physical fitness 22% (improvement 32%). Walking test 12min (av 10-12min).

Carol Bryan, 39, (who replaced Kate Taunga): half marathon 2hr 5min.

Ellen Crumly, 38: half marathon 2hr 20min
BUPA results: Heart rate 62. Body fat 32.5 (-2.7). Lung function 86%. Physical fitness 18% (improvement 15%). Walking test 15min (av 10min).

Richard Hinds, 18: has had to pull out.

Chris Brasher's team

Dr Virginia Craig, 37.
Bupa results: Heart rate 52. Body fat 21.6% (-1.9). Lung function 80%. Physical fitness 67% (improvement 41%). Walking test 15min (av 13-14min).

Alan Coton, 45: half marathon 1hr 57min.
Bupa results: Heart rate 63. Body fat 26.8% (-0.9). Lung function 76%. Physical fitness 39% (improvement 31%). Walking test 15min (av 12min).

Dr Alan English, 61: half marathon 1hr 48min.
Bupa results: Heart rate 63. Body fat 26% (unchanged). Lung function 75%. Physical fitness 57% (unchanged). Running test 4min (av 3-4min).

Christine Wheeler, 46.
Bupa results: Heart rate 78. Body fat 32% (unchanged). Lung function 79%. Physical fitness 23% (improvement 12%). Walking test 9min (av 12-13min).

Mick Dunstan, 46: half marathon 1hr 58min, personal best.
Bupa results: (46) Heart rate 58. Body fat 25.6% (-2). Lung function 79%. Physical fitness 25% (improvement 18%). Walking test 15min (av 12min).

Josie Heffernan, 42: half marathon 1hr 34min.
Bupa results: Heart rate 46. Body fat 21.4% (-1.3). Lung function 78%. Physical fitness 100% (improvement 41%). Running test 9min (av 8-10min).

Candice McDonald, 22: marathon last year 3hr 49min.
Bupa results: Heart rate 43. Body fat 14% (no change). Lung function 90%. Physical fitness 66% (improvement 7%). Running test 8min (av 5-6min).

Jolyon Gomersall, 22.
Bupa results: Heart rate 48. Body fat 12.5% (-3.7); Lung function 98%. Physical fitness 66% (improvement 16%). Running test 8min (av 8-9min).

Paddy Hunter Murphy, 34, has had to pull out after a back injury.

This is what The Times runners are striving to emulate:

Eamonn Martin, 35, the 1993 winner, has been training in Lanzarote and ran in the Hastings half marathon where his time was 1hr 4min.
Bupa results: Heart rate 36. Body fat 13.1%. Lung function 75%. Physical fitness 118%. Running test 15min (av 10min).

The five tests are:

- Heart rate: the slower the better for a runner (acceptable range 52-80).
- Body fat: a high percentage is a risk factor for coronary disease.
- Lung function: a test of how much and how fast you can breathe out. The figure shows the percentage of one intake expelled within a second (acceptable range 75%+).
- Physical fitness: figure is based on aerobic capacity/oxygen consumption. It reflects the rate at which oxygen is supplied to and used by the muscles and by what percentage the runner's fitness exceeds the average for their age.
- Running/ walking test: measure of endurance compared to an average result for runner's age and activity level.

TONY STONE/LESTER LEFKOWITZ



It is important for the marathon runners to feel refreshed on the day, and not to overdo their training in the last two weeks. They can expect the first mile to be slow because of the numbers involved

Greased up and raring to go

We are almost on the starting line of the NutraSweet London Marathon on April 17. All the hard exercise of the last year is about to be rewarded by you completing the 26 miles and 385 yards of the historic race. The moment towards which you have struggled is about to be realised.

However, the full benefit of your training over the last year can easily be ruined in the next fortnight — not by doing too little training, but by doing too much.

As you read this, you are two weeks away from the race. The important thing now is to be completely refreshed on the day. You have one more week of severe exercise and then the easiest part: rest and gentle jogging.

The final week before the race will be odd: you may find that you are bouncing with energy. As you walk round the streets, you will probably want to break into a run. Your body is beginning to miss the exercise. This is a good sign and you will benefit during the event.

On no account should you do more running than the schedule dictates. It is too late to alter your fitness level. Instead, relax and conserve your energy. Even Eamonn Martin, last year's winner, will not be appearing on the stands at the marathon exhibition for the last two days before the race. He will be resting.

Continue eating as normal in the days before the event, although you can certainly eat a *little* more carbohydrate: bread, pasta and potatoes. However, do not overeat: you will upset your stomach. If the weather is warm, make certain you drink plenty of fruit juice or water. If you drink alcohol, then continue to do so in moderation. But do not drink on the day before the marathon — wait until you have crossed the finish line to celebrate.

The night before the race, go to bed at the normal time, having laid out all your kit, number and pins. Do not wear new shoes or socks, or even vest or shorts. Make certain your toe-nails are clipped.

On the morning of the marathon have a breakfast that is easily digestible, such as toast and honey, or bread and jam, at least two hours before the race. When you register you will be given all the final information about how to travel to the start.

Just before you hand in your tracksuit, put grease on your feet, round your toes, and on the inside of your thighs. If it is raining or cold, wear a black bin-liner to keep warm before the start. It is probably a good idea to sip a drink just before you set off. However, do not take more than half-a-cup, otherwise you will have to find a lavatory along the route.

Start your own watch as you cross to the starting-line. The first mile will be very slow, because there is such a mass of runners. Watch where you are going — it is easy to collide with someone or to stumble.

Work out your expected time and be *realistic*. Double your best half-marathon time and add at least ten to 20 minutes to give you some idea of your target. Try to run at as even a pace as possible. Drink a little at every feeding station.

Even if you have not run more than 20 miles in training, the exercise you have undergone, the tapering for the event and the atmosphere of the occasion will get you round. The finishing line is waiting for you.

JOHN GOODBODY

MEL BATTY'S TRAINING SCHEDULES

These are the planned sessions for the final fortnight.

Advanced runners:
Week one: one run of 2 hours, 20 minutes (preferably) Easter Sunday but certainly not later than Monday; two runs of 60 minutes; two 60 minute fartleks.
Week two: Sunday: one 60-minute run.
Monday: one 20-minute run.
Tuesday: one 20-minute run.
Wednesday: rest.
Thursday: one ten-minute run.
Friday: one ten-minute run.
Saturday: rest.
Sunday: the marathon

Joggers:
Week one: one two-hour jog, preferably on Easter Sunday but certainly not later than Monday; two 60-minute jogs: one 40-minute fartlek.
Week two: Sunday: 45-minute jog.
Monday: 15-minute jog.
Tuesday: rest
Wednesday: 15-minute jog.
Thursday: rest.
Friday: ten-minute jog.
Saturday: rest.
Sunday: the marathon.

With Spring in her stride

Christine Wheeler has got those marathon butterflies

THE ELEVENTH month, the eleventh hour. A time for contemplation and reflection.

Contemplation turned out to be a bad idea: I've now got pre-marathon nerves: the jogging yips. I've changed my mind. I want to do something else. Anything else. I will happily transfer to rally driving: skidding through Scandinavia, bashing into birch trees — at least I'd be sitting down.

Reflection on the past year: I admit that, very occasionally, it did occur to me there might be other ways to get fit. Country dancing, perhaps ... Stripping the Willow in a warm community hall sometimes seemed appealing. But overall — much to my surprise — ten months from a standing start, I'm still jogging and still enjoying it.

Last May I had difficulty doing the initial ten minutes brisk walk, but Mel Batty's programme for couch potatoes was so well planned that not once was I asked to do something completely beyond my limited capabilities. As a result, fitness just sort of crept up on me. I still can't quite believe I can jog for at least ten miles without distress. Once out in the park it was never as dark, deserted, cold, damp or miserable as it seemed from under the duvet. But it was always windier. Strong winds are the worst — except for rain. I hate rain. Call me picky, but I simply never run in rain. So what happens if it rains on M-day? I will be in big trouble and get very wet. But I will only have got wet once.

Nor have I ever jogged before 10.30am, but that doesn't necessarily make me a bad person. Mel Batty says "know your body" and my bio-rhythms preclude a dawn start. I find it impossible to leap out of bed and hit the park showered, mueslied and vitamin enriched before the post/milk/dustpersons are out of the depot. But surely it's a 9am off on M-day? Wrong — as far as I can make out you need to arrive in Greenwich park before 6am, if only to stake your claim to a place in the queue for the portaloos. Not that there is much danger of me missing my designated place in the lineup. The experts seem to have a pretty accurate seeding system. If Eamonn Martin is No 1, they have got me just about right — my start number is thirty six thousand and something.

Where I would take issue with Mel Batty is that he said getting one's life organised for the training jogs would mean more, not less, time for other things. Not in my life it hasn't — the flat now owes more to Miss Haversham than *House and Garden*. But I admit I've always subscribed to the Quentin Crisp school of housewifery, ie five weeks' dust looks pretty much the same as five days' and, as long as visitors' inoculations are up to date, there's no immediate public health hazard or danger of being targetted by the social services. No time either to rustle up complicated meals or waste time stuffing mushrooms or individually decorating prawns.

I never did take Mel Batty's advice about buying new running shoes early enough to wear them in by April. I couldn't bring myself to think about discarding my first-ever trainers. I trust them. They are my security blanket. They are now moulded to my feet and the chiropody felt padding is nicely mulched in. When they do disintegrate I'm thinking of having them bronzed.

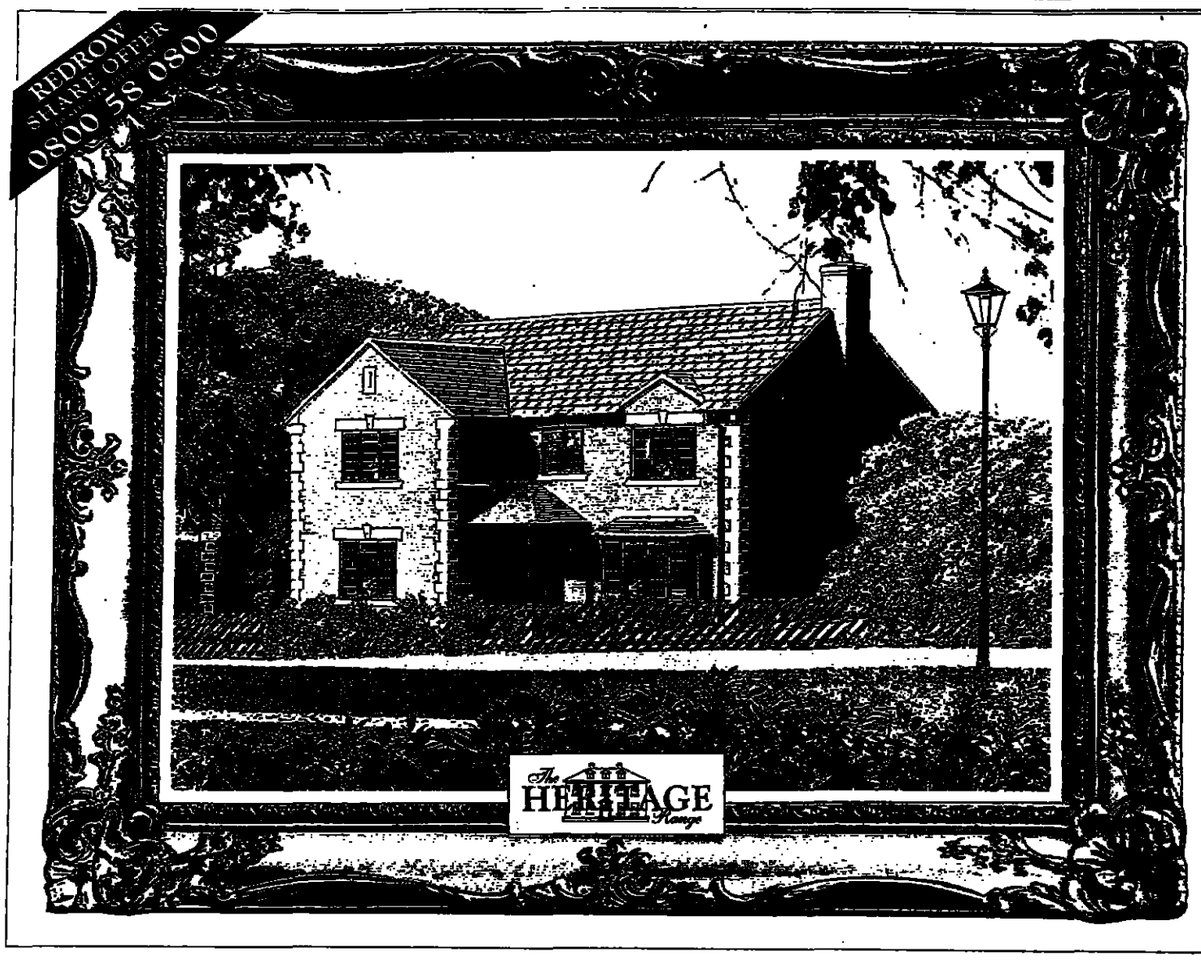
Physical training is only the half of it. For no reason at all you can have a really bad day and you vow to take up macramé and never wear your jogging socks again. Or you have such a brilliant run you could be an asset to the Chinese athletics team. Infuriatingly, neither of these gives you any clue as to how you will run the following day.

I STOPPED training on three occasions: on holiday; when my knee caved in; and when I had a heavy cold. The last was the only piece of really bad luck because, combined with hopelessly bad weather, it meant I missed most of February — the crucial month, as everybody keeps telling me. I am therefore seriously underrehearsed, even now, for April and haven't done enough "long runs" to convince myself I can complete the course. It was my most disheartening time. But, I asked myself, did I want to give up just as Spring arrived, after surviving all those mid-winter freezing training sessions and being force-fed pasta and bananas for months?

Yet I still worry: about blisters, "chafing", dehydration, cramp. I haven't had any of these — yet. I'll have to set out on M-day with an emergency kit sewn into my shorts containing a clean hankie, plasters, vaseline, change of socks, glucose, a sporting drink as advertised by the stars and £5 for a taxi.

I still can't decide if I've just talked myself into giving it a go, or I've just talked myself out of it.

NEW HOMES



THEY DON'T BUILD HOUSES LIKE THEY USED TO

REDROW

BUILD THEM BETTER

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF SITES IN YOUR AREA DIAL 100 AND ASK FOR FREEPHONE REDROW HOMES

TRADITIONALLY BUILT HOMES
FROM 2 TO 5 BEDROOMS
£36,950 to £250,000+

This advertisement has been approved by Barclays de Zoete Wedd Limited, a member of The Securities and Futures Authority

LONDON PROPERTY

SHOW KITCHENS WANTED URGENTLY

WE WILL BUILD YOU A SUPERB KITCHEN AT A FRACTION OF THE NORMAL COST - IF YOU LET US SHOW IT TO 6 PROSPECTIVE CUSTOMERS

This is a genuine offer to enable us to quickly establish a network of LUXURY SHOW KITCHENS across the country to support our national advertising campaign. Over 15 eyecatching ranges with many combination options in a multitude of finishes to choose from.

*PHONE NOW
0582 29404
ASK FOR EXT 5111
CHRIS PLUMMER
Sorry no tenants

Arthur Rathbone KITCHENS LIMITED

ARTHUR RATHBONE KITCHENS LTD.
The Old Bancroft Building,
Kingham Way, Reginald Street,
Luton, Beds LU2 7RG

One of the most prestigious residential areas on the outskirts of London

"COPPERFIELDS"
BARNET LANE, ELSTREE HERTFORDSHIRE

A LUXURY 5 BEDROOMED RESIDENCE (WITH GUEST ROOM) OF HIGH QUALITY IN A UNIQUE & SECLUDED LOCATION

Built in security in house and grounds. Price £595,000.

WARD HOMES on 0634 855111

NORTH OF THE THAMES

BRACKENBURY VILLAGE W6
Extended Victorian refurb 4 flr Villa 4/5 beds. 2/3 recs, magnif master suite + dressing. 2 power baths, lux kit, mul. conserv., Potterton g ch. Walled gdn. Space & quality £395,000 f/h
Why pay more
WHITMANS
081 747 8800

SMALL PROPERTY PORTFOLIO
W1, W2, SW1
3 properties in Surrey plus part of land in Oxted. 1 bedroom flat on seafront Brighton.
0883 652590
0850 366424

EALING W5. Det F'hold, corner plot 4 bed 3 rec GCH cloaks cel lar. L/Gdn. Gge Chs tube Easy access to W.End /Heathrow £185,000 081 560 6569

FULHAM Attractive 3 bed Victorian house with 36' garden. 26' dble recep rm, cloakrm, kitchen/ dining rm. £169,500 Vanstons 071 736 9822

FULHAM Unique 2 bed corner cottage with own single style gge. w'shop £149,950. Squire Radcliffe 071 381 3683

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL Large 2 bed p/b flt Edwardian villa in own grnds. Superb views 95 facing rec 18' x 22' Period features F/ht 1st class cond £135K 081 864 5435

LITTLE VENICE/Maida Vale. The specialist local agents Nickets & Co 071 289 1692

N22. 2 bedroom, 2 reception garden (front & back) flat. Original feats. Open fireplaces. Part dble glazing. GCH. Long lease. No chain. £58,000 ono Tel. 081 883 5665 (w/ wkends or 071 782 7993 day

QUEENSBOROUGH MS W2 Super 3 bd 2 bth balcony 2nd flr mod blk. Lift. 79 yrs £185K Central Estates 071 224 3993

WILLESDEN GREEN NW2 In the Mapesbury Conservation area. 4 newly constructed luxury flats in small block with parking. 1 bed from £64,950 and 2 bed £89,950 Tel 0628 664028

SOUTH OF THE THAMES

SW15
VIEW IMMEDIATELY
Attractive Edwardian five bedroom family house. Spacious; original features, drawingroom, dingroom and breakfast room overlooking sunny garden. Fitted kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, 2 bathrooms, sep wc. Off street parking, good rail links to City.
£230,000
Tel:081 876 7532

1 bed, quiet st, roof terr, park ing, 2 min tube 071 401 2576

CLAPHAM Old Town Charming early Victorian family house. 4 bedrms, 2 baths (1 e/s), dble recep. Small conservatory/ study. Fitd kit, dining rm, pargrm. Sth facing gdn. £336,000 f/h. Vanstons 081 673 4377

BELGRAVIA & KNIGHTBRIDGE

SW1
CAROLINE TERRACE
Excellent corner house. 3 beds, 2 bathrms, shwr rm, cllrm, fitted kit/b'fst, din rm, airy conservatory 46 yr. Lease £325,000
EBURY STREET
Light well priced 2 bed sth facing mais 46 yr lse £160,000
VOGUE RESIDENTIAL
071 730 7775

CHELSEA & KENSINGTON

WE CAN find the property you are looking for. Simon Croft Property Consultants. 148 Wal ton St SW3. 071 584 5004.

HAMPSTEAD & HIGHGATE

HAMPSTEAD
Mid terrace period house with s/w feng walled gdn Offers 14 room accom over 5 firs inc recent conversion of loft space which provides two 19' rooms. Several baths/w/c's ong features. Balcony o'looking gdns. £475,000 f/h Sole agents
SALTER REX
071 431 1881

HIGHGATE village 6 mins archt tect designed 3 bdrm house views.£149,950. 071 837 1564

BERKSHIRE

WINDSOR HOLIDAY HOMES
New & used caravans for sale from £6,500 on lovely marina site adjacent to Windsor Racecourse. 9 month season. Licensed club shop fishing. On A308 Maidenhead Rd, Windsor
0753 831706

HUNGERFORD, unusual, prof. dec'd Victorian terr'cd home.3 floors, 3 beds, master en-suite, 2 recps, shower, kit. 3 miles M4, 50 mins Paddton. Offers c£100,000 F/H. 0488 684631

COTSWOLDS

COTTAGE Near Cirencester, detached, 4 beds, 2 baths, large garden. Presently generating 16K from holiday lettings. £180,000 0288 821293.

PRESTBURY Unique 16th century thatched property, convenient to Cheltenham 3 beds, 2 receptions, large kitchen, large secluded garden This house has its own sense of time and space in this friendly village. £200,000 Tel 081 979 7526.

THREE TRADITIONAL cotswold stone converted barns, nr Burford. From £140,000 Phone for details and plans. 0451 861001

DEVON & CORNWALL

FINLAKE WOODLAND VILLAGE LEISURE HOMES
WITHIN EASY REACH OF TORBAY & DARTMOOR
PURCHASE LEASEHOLD FROM
£35,000
• Management & rental services
• Set in 130 acres
• Indoor & outdoor swimming pools
• Bars & Restaurant
• Tennis courts
• 9 Hole pitch & putt
• Fishing lakes
[0626] 852107

DEVON Charming period residence with about 11 acres, situated in unspoilt rural surroundings with hacking in quiet country lanes and salmon & trout fishing in nearby river Torridge. House offers spacious 4 bedroomed accommodation with many original features & is set in 3.5 acres of landscaped grounds. Buildings include traditional barns & tinney Field with stream frontage. £245,000 Graham Whitlock Estate Agents 2 The Square Holdsworthy Devon EX22 6DW tel (0409) 254949

EAST DEVON Seaton. Elegant 2 bed first floor marine flat in cliff top Pre- Raphaelite's Villa. Stunning sea views with own path to beach. £56,000. Tel John Wood & Co 0297 20290

THE LIZARD On Toll road to Kynance Cove. 3 bed bungalow. Enclave within NT land. Overlooking sea. OS map ref 694132. £72,600. Tel: 0966 326664 or 0326 290926.

EAST ANGLIA

COUNTRY HOUSES in Suffolk & Essex. Peter Andrews Ltd. Long Melford 0787 880660.

DISS (90 minutes Liverpool St) Luxury bungalow, excellent position. 3 beds, bath, shwr, lounge, dining, overlooking lovely garden, fitted kitchen, brick built garage, garden shed, toilet. Herts/Asparagus. £96,000. 0379 642085

NORFOLK 6 miles Thetford. Tiny hamlet. Single track lane. 18th/19th semi det cottage, modest but charming. 2 rec. 2 beds, gdn studio, ideal rural retreat. Ref 2186. £56,000. Thos Wm Gaze & Son Dss 0379 641341

NORTHEY ISLAND Blackwater Estuary. Total privacy & seclusion, comfortable & unusual house, sips 10 (2 baths, many loos), spectacular views, bird sanctuary, sailing dingy, mald Aug/1 August. Cornelius. Tel 071 882 8391/Fax 882 9466

SHERRINGHAM Brand new houses & bungalows in quality cul-de-sac development, walking distance town centre & Golf Course. From £74,500. John Marsh FRICS 0263 822486.

ESSEX

COUNTRY COTTAGE 6 beds, 3 reception. Many original features. Excellent order. Chelmsford 8 mls. Mainline station to London Liverpool St - 5 mins drive. £195,000 0245 381973

ESSEX/Suffolk bdrs o/d cottage. Idyllic location 1/2 beds, sitting rm open fire. ¼ acre mln ideal 2nd home. London 1½ hourS. OIRO £63,000 0787 269897

RETIREMENT HOMES

THE VINERIES
HOVE'S PREMIER RETIREMENT APARTMENTS



LAST CHANCE OF A DREAM APARTMENT
FROM JUST £39,950
Dynamic new management cuts at least a 1/3rd off all apartments.

The quality of life is more affordable

There's never been a better time to make your dreams come true. But hurry 85% already sold.



~~£69,000~~ £39,950

Last word in luxury.

Every apartment is the last word in luxury. Each is unique - individually designed with elegant classic Adam style fireplaces, fitted quality carpets, exclusive Paula Rosa kitchens including fitted appliances, bathrooms with Lustron gold fittings. Many have french windows leading on to balconies overlooking 12 acres of parkland.



~~£95,000~~ £59,950

- Most elegant apartments on the South Coast.
- Balconies overlooking 12 acres of parkland.
- 24 Hour security with resident manager.
- Residents 'Club' lounge and conservatory.
- Trouble-free Home Exchange scheme
- Underground parking.
- Guest apartment for relatives and friends.
- Minutes from the sea front.
- Selection of show flats.

NHBC 10 YEAR GUARANTEE

LIFETIME TENANCY from £19,950

But Hurry! 85% ALREADY SOLD

The Vineries, Nizells Avenue, Hove, East Sussex. BN3 1PY.
Show flat open 7 days a week. 10am-4.30pm.
Free parking. Tel: 0273 746216.
Sole agents Parson Son and Basley established 1825. Tel: 0273 326171.

ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT IN GLORIOUS DORSET
Secure, spacious and comfortable cottages in the most perfect country setting of historic Cerne Abbas.
Landscaped gardens with acres of private meadowland and beautiful walks along the Cerne.
Prices £142,500-£185,000
Telephone for a brochure 0491 834975
BEECHCROFT
CLASSIC COUNTRY HOMES

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

OUTSTANDING views to Painswick from west facing Cotswold ridge set in 1 acre. Lounge 30', study, dining rm, kitchen, glazed garden rm 27', master bedrm suite, further 3 dble bedrms, attic playroom 30', garaging for 4 cars, garden backs onto National Trust land, convenient Cheltenham, Gloucester Stroud Cirencester £189,000. 0452 813228.

HANTS., DORSET, AND I.O.W.

HANTS Kilmeston. Period bay fronted Grade II in centre of village. 3 recepts, 1/2 studies. Cellar. 4/5 beds, bath, 2 shwr rms. Gardens, small paddock. About 1.1 acre. Region £525,000 Lane Fox 0962 869999.

HEREFORDSHIRE, WORCS, & SHROP

Nationwide Anglia

VALE FARM, OFFENHAM WORCESTERSHIRE

Detached country residence set in approx 1½ acres of mature gardens and woodlands.
Three receptions, cloaks, four bedrooms, two bathrooms.
Price £218,000
Further 13½ acres (approx) of land as optional extra. No agricultural occupancy condition.
Nationwide Estate Agents
Tel 0386 765200

McCARTHEYS. Finding the right property for you in the Welsh Borders, 0584 811999.

HERTFORDSHIRE

FOR West Herts/Chilterns consult David Doyle Estate Agents on 01442 868862/825454

GRADE II listed Georgian house (A1M 2½ miles) 4 recepts, farmhouse kitchen, 5 beds, 3 baths, coach house with planning consent for annexe. Tennis court, swimming pool and 6 acre paddock. Walled and landscaped gardens in all 8 5 acres. Faulkners 0923 268166.

GRAND UNION Canal. Pretty 3 bed semi. Quiet Loc. 57ft priv mooring. Gdn/patio easy com mute. £139K. 0896 823748

SERVICES

CONVEYANCING LINE 0525 412092 - efficient & friendly service, very competitive fees. Thompson Asfield Solicitors

KENT

BROWNS
S.E. KENT
NR FOLKESTONE
Substantial refurbished Grade II Listed Farmhouse in lovely rural setting, 6 beds, 3 rec, and garaging. Extensive Barns and Outbuildings. P.P. to convert to 6 separate additional dwellings. Grounds of 5.25 acres.
PRICE GUIDE: £415,000
Apply Sole Agents:
Browns, Bank Buildings
Elham, Canterbury, Kent
Tel: 0303 840422

KENT 4 bed detached character house. Third of an acre. 35 mins Charing Cross. Country setting £169,500 for quick sale. Tel 0732822810.

80's DREAM HOUSE. Canterbury 8m. sunny lnge, stdy, din, 4 bed, 2½ bath, CH, Dble gar. 1 acre. £180K. 022787 326

HANTS,DORSET & I.O.W.

TOP QUALITY GOLFING HOMES
A select development with sea views and golf club membership
BARTON GREEN • BARTON-ON-SEA • HAMPSHIRE
COLEN CALL OUR ON-SITE SALES, OPEN 7 DAYS 0425 611958

SURREY

GEORGIAN HOUSE being part of mansion in village position. 2 miles M25/A3 junction. 4 beds, 3 recepts, 2 baths, kitchen & cloaks, garage. GCH. Refitment & redec required. £305,000. Goodrick Meech 0483 224343.

SUSSEX

CHICHESTER
5 MILES EAST
Grade II Listed Georgian farmhouse well updated with 3 receptions, kitchen/breakfast room, cellar, utility, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, double garage. Approximately ½ acre gardens
£235,000 f/h
Chichester Harbour
Itchenor 5 bedroom 1930's family house with extensive water frontage and pontoon. Guest annexe, outbuildings, approximately 1 acre gardens. Could suit 2 families.
£450,000 f/h.
STRIDE & SON
0243 782626

BRIGHTON MARINA, Brighton. 2 bed south facing apartment. Fully equiped kitchen. Two bathrooms. Furnished £78,000 Contact Marina Properties 0273 818819.

CHICHESTER Elegant 1st flr apartment in Georgian Grade II Listedhouse close City centre. Orsd flr ent hall, landing, sit rm, newly fitd kit/din rm, 2 beds, new shwr/wc, dble stores, 2 ch. Gas. Mature gdns £130,000 f/h. Stride & Son Chichester (0243) 782626

CHICHESTER 4 miles north. Det period flat nse in unique Downland setting with views to coast. Hall, cllrs/util. Lge sit rm, study area. Family rm, kit/b'fst 5 beds, bath, ch, dbl gge + store & outhse. Approx ¾ acre gdns. £245,000 f/h. Stride & Sons Chichester (0243) 782626

HOVE Grade 2 listed lux sea front flat. 2 bed, 2 bath, kit, magnificent 24'x 21' lounge. F/ furnished. £79,950. 0905 820566.

LYMINSTER nr Arundel. Det 5 bedrm house, dble garage, garden, lovely position, nr BR. £169,500. Tel: 0903 882382.

SUSSEX COAST Top floor apartment with panoramic sea views, overlooking landscaped gdns. 3 bedrooms, 19ft reception rm, dining rm, gch and south facing balconies. O.I.E.O £140,000. 0243 821638.

VILLAGE nr Blackboys 10 miles Lewes, 12 Tun. Wells 1¼ h drive/ train London. Rural Farm House + views, restored throughout. C17/50. 4 bed, 3 recep, 3 bath, Conservatory. Sep. self con studio. 2 acre. s front field. £265,000 colour details 08289 890642.

W SUSSEX Beach. An intriguing 4/5 bed house of history & nursery in an acre. Offers in excess of £235,000. 0243 787078.

LAND FOR SALE

TWO Building Sites, with outline planning for up market, split level dwellings with ½ acre each of land, in quiet village, 5 minutes from main town, 15 minutes Exmoor, £95,000 for both. Tel 0271 74292.

COUNTRY RENTALS

DORSET Twist Dorchester / Sherborne Spac unfurn apt in elegant country mansion 2/3 beds 2 recps. CH, lovely maintained gdns. Avail now, long let. Sherwoods Greenhill Sherborne DT9 4HF 0935 817110

LETTINGS

F.W. GAPP
We offer a personal and professional service to Landlords and Tenants in all aspects of the Letting market and would be delighted to hear from you.
AFLA MEMBER
The Property Managers
071-243 0964

BELGRAVIA Newly refurbished 2 bed 2 bth mews hse 2 recepe pkg £350pw 071 225 1355

BRAND NEW St. John's Wd mews hse 2 bed 2 bth elegant recep flr kit gch gge furn/unf £290pw 081 953 8911

PRINCES GATE MEWS SW7 Attrac newly dec unfurn mews hse situated in quiet loc close to Hyde Park & Sth Kensington entrance hall recep/dining f/f kit 3 bedrms 2 bathrms en suite sep shower rm utility rm garage roof terrace long let £500pw Friend & Falcke 071 225 0914

CHANNEL ISLES

ALDERNEY
CHANNEL ISLANDS
Ideal holiday or retirement cottage privately offered ready furnished if required. 3 bedrooms (1 en-suite), shower room, central heating, garage. Attractive balcony with wide views harbour, Braye Bay, Fort Albert (Victorian Castle.) Very low rates & taxes in this safe & peaceful Island.
FREEHOLD £99,000.
TEL: 0481 822585.

CHANNEL ISLANDS Guernsey: Low taxes. No inheritance tax. Unique private sale proposition. Substantial dev. property: 9 beds, 5/6 baths. Large indoor swimming pool, garaging and other offices. Further development potential - private commercial. £878,000. Details: P.O Box 401 Guernsey. Channel Islands. FAx/telephone: 0481 721572.

FRANCE

COTE D'AZUR Luxury villas & apts for sale & rent. Landsdowne Int. 081 896 2121

COMMERCIAL and Residential props for sale in most areas. Eclipse Overseas 0426 276984.

OVERSEAS PROPERTY

CANADA Whole 30 acre island for sale in rocky mountains, British Columbia. Over 1 mile of shore, part treed. 1st offer over £18,000 secures. 0706 623505 or fax. 0706 624809.

BALEARICS

LUXURY HOMES in Mallorca Lux 2, 3 & 4 bed villas & bungalows on the unspoilt SE coast of Mallorca. Avail for immediate occupation. From around £87,000. Part-exchange on your UK property considered. Established British Plc. Call 24 hrs UK hotline for details & brochure: 0932 560707

PUERTO POLLENSA MALLORCA. Near Bar Katy and hotel Illa D'Or. Duplex apartment with uninterrupted views of bay, yacht club, mountains etc. Separate guest/staff apartment. Ground floor garage 600 sq.ft. approx suitable as extra apartment or garage or business premises. Tel. 1010-34 71) 853172 day. 864230 eve nings. Fax: 630362 £260,000 direct from owner

CHANNEL ISLES

CHANNEL ISLANDS
Guernsey: Low taxes. No inheritance tax. Unique private sale proposition. Substantial dev. property: 9 beds, 5/6 baths. Large indoor swimming pool, garaging and other offices. Further development potential - private commercial. £878,000. Details: P.O Box 401 Guernsey. Channel Islands. FAx/telephone: 0481 721572.

LETTINGS

F.W. GAPP
We offer a personal and professional service to Landlords and Tenants in all aspects of the Letting market and would be delighted to hear from you.
AFLA MEMBER
The Property Managers
071-243 0964

BELGRAVIA Newly refurbished 2 bed 2 bth mews hse 2 recepe pkg £350pw 071 225 1355

BRAND NEW St. John's Wd mews hse 2 bed 2 bth elegant recep flr kit gch gge furn/unf £290pw 081 953 8911

PRINCES GATE MEWS SW7 Attrac newly dec unfurn mews hse situated in quiet loc close to Hyde Park & Sth Kensington entrance hall recep/dining f/f kit 3 bedrms 2 bathrms en suite sep shower rm utility rm garage roof terrace long let £500pw Friend & Falcke 071 225 0914

FRANCE

SOUTH WEST FRANCE
GASCONY TOWERS - A Coup de Foudre
Sallis Chartres of Mayo French registered English estate agent will help with your dream home in Gascony
Sallis's portfolio of over 100 properties from charming houses in market towns & villages to farms, manor houses & chateaux awaits you
Come and visit -
Sallis Mayo
Chateau D'Arlens
32160 PLAISANCE du GERS
Tel (33) 62 69 40 80
62 69 25 44
Fax (33) 62 69 40 50

COTE PICARDY Old bakery superb village site 5 bed spac cons rem acc 6 mnth mtge £40K (0394 433576/ 433627

FRENCH PROPERTY NEWS Nationwide for a free copy Telephone 081 947 1836

LOT ET GARONNE Terrace house, quiet village 5 bedrooms Large living room CH. South facing terrace. Garage Perfect order Panoramic views. 480 000 FF 010 33 53970551

N DORDOGNE Restored poolside homes from 495,000 frs incl others from 170,000 frs. Details 081 948 3070 or France 010 33 5352 8204

NORMANDY to rent a bedroomed spacious farmhouse set in apple orchards and pretty gardens. To let furnished for 12 months. Telephone English owner 010 33 35 96 27 09

PROVENCE STONE VILLA 3bd 2br 500m village private, green belt, panoramic La terrace, pool 3/4 ac garden Impeccable. Rents at £920/wk FF2 25m Telfax 010 (33) 944 785 15 fr 31 Mar

PROVENCE. 1hr NW Magical restored farmhse 5 beds/3 bths, pool, gdns, hill views organic wine 0296 748123 or 010 33 94 76 68 30. 2,000,000 Ff

SMALL Chateau, southwest France, quiet, 5 acres park and vineyard 12+ rooms, 3+ baths, excellent condition Close to Mediterranean and ski. 10 mins autoroute. Tel. France 010 33 68691059 or fax 68691218

GREECE

W. CRETE Fully equip 2 bedrm holiday house, ½ acre gdn, idyl lic setting, mountain village, secluded cove Instalments considered 0780 54849 (eves)

ITALY

CAMPODANZO
A restored hamlet of fifteen houses standing within its own forty acre estate with pools and tennis courts. It is in the beautiful Le Marche region near Sarnano in the foothills of the Sibiline Mountains.
For further information and brochure telephone
031 556 8210.

TUSCANY INSIDE OUT Best selection of properties in 5th Tuscany Contact Diana Moore Licensed Agent. Tel/Fax 1010 39 5781 26 98 67/26 66 02

SPAIN

AMPURIABRAVA North East coast. Low level penthouse flat 2 beds on Marina with extensive views from large roof terrace. Own mooring and space in locked garage. Whole package £59,000. Bus 081 824 9696 Pri 081 504 4825.

COSTA BLANCA. Villas, apts & land. All prices. Reliable. Sea Jay Properties. 0737 225459.

COTTAGES & farmhouses in non tourist area of Pyrenees. B & V Overseas 0444 412681

TIMESHARE

TIMESHARE Resale RCI Red time. Two bed luxury villa sleeps 6 Puerto Del Carmen Award of Distinction resort. Offers over £1,500 per week. Eng Tel 061 748 0625

OVERSEAS PROPERTY

THE WORLD OF PROPERTY
OVERSEAS PROPERTY
EXHIBITION
29th, 30th April & 1st May 1994
SANDOWN EXHIBITION CENTRE, SANDOWN PARK RACECOURSE, ESHER, SURREY.
10.30-5.30 Friday & Saturday. 10.30-5.00 Sunday.
FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING
Europe's largest Overseas Property Exhibition with leading agents and developers offering property for sale in:
● SPAIN ● PORTUGAL ● CYPRUS ● FLORIDA ● FRANCE ● ANDORRA ● ITALY ● SWITZERLAND ● CARIBBEAN ● CANADA ● EXPERT FINANCIAL AND LEGAL ADVICE ● HEALTH CARE ● REMOVALS ●
INQUIRY LINE: (24 HRS) 081-542 9088.

THE TIMES THE SUNDAY TIMES

LOOKING TO MOVE?
SELL YOUR PROPERTY NOW
THE TIMES AND SUNDAY TIMES
PRIVATE PROPERTY WEEKEND SPECIAL!
SATURDAY 16TH AND SUNDAY 17TH APRIL

- Write a story in no more than 40 words letting our readers know about your home and how you can be contacted.
- Send us a photograph of your home to include in your advertisement in the Times.
- The Times & Sunday Times is continuing to offer a discounted price of only £129.25 inc VAT (normal price £352.20 inc VAT) for your first advertisement on Saturday 16th April and a specially reduced price of £70.75 inc VAT for a second lineage advertisement appearing on Sunday 17th April.

EXAMPLE

Saturday 16th April

Superb mini estate in Norfolk Broads.



Period 6 bedroom, hall, integral flat, 3 bed cottage, 200 acre, woods, marsh, private broad noble grassland, thatched farm buildings, shooting and fishing. £600,000.

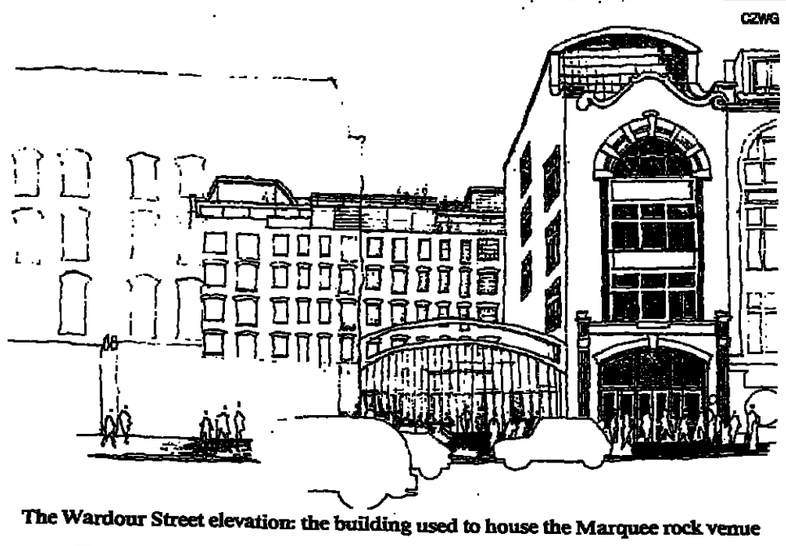
Sunday 17th April

NORFOLK BROADS Superb mini estate. Period 6 bedroom, hall integral flat, 3 bed cottage, 200 acres, woods, marsh, private broad arable grassland, thatched farm buildings, shooting and fishing. £600,000

TOTAL COST inc VAT £200.00
A SAVING OF £232.50!!

Your Name _____
Address _____
_____
_____
Home Telephone Number _____ Daytime Number _____
Your Payment (Cheques should be made payable to Times Newspapers Ltd.)
Cheque ☐ Access ☐ Visa ☐ Diners ☐ Other ☐
Card Number _____ Expiry Date _____
Signature _____
Please attach your photograph & wording to this form and send with payment to: Veronica Collins, classified Advertising, P.O. Box 487, 1 Virginia Street London E1 9BD. To arrive no later than Monday 11th April -TT

هكذا من الأصل



CZWG

The Wardour Street elevation: the building used to house the Marquee rock venue

Lofty ideas that go well with a shell

If a spacious Manhattan-style loft in a former Soho factory is up your street, Joe Joseph has a suggestion

If you're the sort of person who likes ten-pin bowling, but can't be bothered to go out and actually find a whole bowling alley, then living in a loft — basically an airy slice of a disused factory — could be right up your street.

And if you also ache to live smack in London's Soho — and if you think Jeffrey Bernard's newest opinion of Soho, as somewhere that's "as squalid as Times Square, as porn-ridden as Amsterdam and as gay as San Francisco", only makes the place sound more enticing — then every night could soon be bowling night.

Early next year, a former tin factory in Wardour Street that was turned into the Marquee Club and played host to Hendrix, Jagger and the Who, will re-open its doors as a stack of loft apartments. All the apartments inside the brick building, which is being sand-blasted back to its Victorian glory, will be sold as "shells". Their owners can fiddle with the interiors as they like. They can panel the walls with mahogany or leave the concrete scree floors as they find them, for that casual look. Only the external symmetry is sacrosanct.

"This", says Harry Handelsman, co-developer of the building, as we stroll across the third floor, "is an 1,100 sq ft two-bedroom apartment." Handelsman may well see a two-bedroom apartment here, but what you and I see is an ocean of scree framed by dingy brick walls awaiting the sand-blaster, and some grey London light trying to muscle through grimy and broken windows. It looks like the sort of place the mobsters might choose for a contract killing. But Handelsman has so much imagination that he can not only imagine the place finished, he can even shudder at the thought of someone marring the final look.

"We won't allow net curtains," he says firmly.

Actually net curtains, along with grandma-made needlepoint cushions that read "Home Sweet Home", are the least likely possessions of people who choose to live in former factories — especially people who choose to live in former factories in Soho just so they can find espresso on their doorstep at 3am.

Lofts were born in New York about 40 years ago, when artists who couldn't afford Greenwich Village rents began migrating into the redundant light industrial factories in southern Manhattan, then still a social desert. Each loft took up a floor of the former factory, floors and ceilings were generally concrete, and the atmosphere was less *Ideal Home* than *Ideal Aircraft Hangar*.

Old loft parties were legendary. You stepped inside the grimy industrial lift cage and were hoisted up into a smoky forest of people leaning against iron girders. If the loft was large enough, a host might trip over guests a fortnight later, in a remote corner, laid out flat under an old industrial lathe suffering the after-effects of a fistful of pills (not aspirin).

But those buildings in New York's SoHo — criss-crossed by Houston Street, West Broadway, Wooster, Greene, Mercer and Spring Streets — have long since lost their down-at-heel bohemianism. There is now a chic art gallery on every corner, with the gaps in between shoehorned with today's smartest restaurants and shops, as if the Museum of Modern Art has spilt out on to the pavement.

New York's painters moved further south more than a decade ago, to an area of Manhattan called Tribeca, where it was still possible to find empty warehouse shells and empty streets. Then the movie stars followed, installing a huge living area, several bedrooms, a swimming pool, a film screening room, recording studio, and even a ten-pin bowling alley if the mood took them.

The razzmatazz duly followed them south, and the swanky restaurants, too. Anyone seeking the true flavour of loft living in America now probably has to move to Pittsburg. But as surely as Coca-Cola and McDonald's crossed the Atlantic, the loft idea came to Britain, in the 1980s.

Somewhere on the voyage, the idea got travel-sick and arrived in wobbly health. Old London Docklands warehouses were turned into pricey one-bedroom flatlets by developers who had more of an eye for profit margins than views of the Thames. The concept of spacious but cheap inner-city living buckled further because there wasn't much inner-city living to be had in Docklands: you had to pack emergency rations even to stroll to your nearest restaurant.

Handelsman at least has the right idea. His company, The Manhattan Loft Corporation, gracefully developed a 1930s Art Deco building in Summers Street, Clerkenwell, a couple of years ago. His Wardour Street project includes a big lobby, and roomy corridors, which avoids that feeling you get in many converted Docklands warehouses of walking through a rabbit warren.

It's not all altruism: architectural pride plays a part in this decision, but so does Handelsman's intuition that the building's airier feel will make the flats more attractive, more saleable, and underscore his reputation for quality when he next tosses an idea at the market — all worth more in the long run than milking a few feet of living space. He seems to be right. Of the 33 lofts in Wardour Street — ranging from 410 sq ft, and £75,000, upwards — 20 are already under offer. Arts and media types seem especially keen. One purchaser has bought three of the spaces and plans to combine them into one.

Four startling penthouses, each 2,000 to 2,500 sq ft, that are being capped on to the original building have yet to be marketed, but are likely to fetch £1 million or so. The terraces on these apartments, perfect for those seeking a crow's nest view of Soho's low life, will be larger than most people's houses.

Underneath the lofts, Sir Terence Conran will be opening a 675-cover restaurant-and-delicatessen complex, the biggest in Europe. That will make the hangar-like Quaglino's, which seats 320, feel as cosy as a corner bistro. This is not loft-living for recluses on a strained budget.

There will be no tricksiness in the conversion. Piers Gough, the architect who worked on Summers Street, is masterminding the Wardour Street project. He most recently lifted hearts in Notting Hill, west London, when he replaced a ditch-dull, prefab public loo with a glorious, green-tiled building, fringed overhead with fins and tapering at one end into a glass cone that houses a flower stall.

Wardour Street is a different challenge. "Taking a specific building, with a spirit and quality of its own, we then act with a policy of minimal intervention," says Gough, who lives in a converted toy factory in east London. "We want to reveal the building rather than transform it." But expect to see Gough flourishes on the glassy penthouses being built this year.

And one thing Wardour Street offers is some of the most outrageous I'm-working-on-a-big-project-for-Channel-4 eavesdropping in Soho. This is a snatch of chat overheard while queuing for cash opposite the lofts:

"I saw your new studio, Jamie pointed it out to me."

"Yeah, it's great."

"So who bought that piece?"

"Saatchi. He buys everything."

"Yeah."

"So how's things with you?"

"Great. Kurt Vonnegut's writing the script for XXXX."

"Great."

"Yeah, I'm going over to see him next week."

Net-curtained suburbia this isn't.



DENZIL McNEELANCE

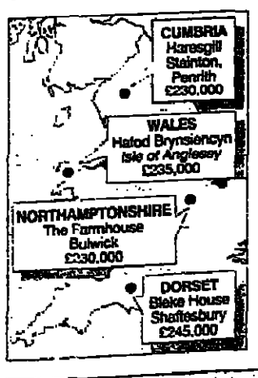
No net curtains here: co-developer Harry Handelsman at Wardour Street. He believes in maximising the airy, spacious potential of the flats

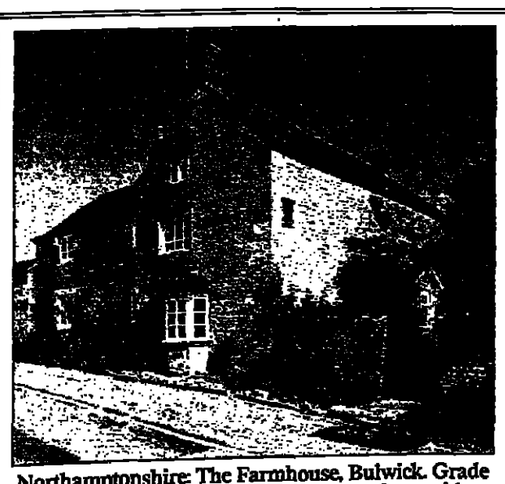
LOFT LIST

- The Soho Lofts building cost £2.5 million to convert into 37 apartments.
- The 33 lofts are mostly equivalent to one or two-bedroom flats in size, and range from 410 sq ft, costing £75,000, to 1,624 sq ft, costing £450,000.
- There are some car parking spaces for sale.
- All the lofts are sold on new 125-year leases. Ground rents range from £175 to £300.
- The Manhattan Loft Corporation: 071-495 6707.

FOR SALE

about £240,000

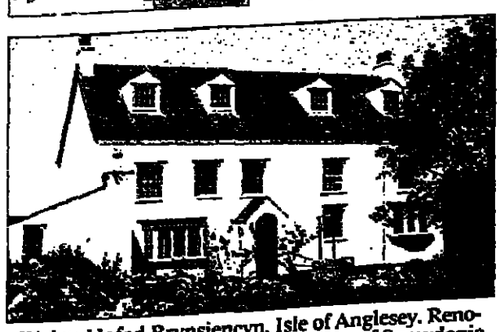




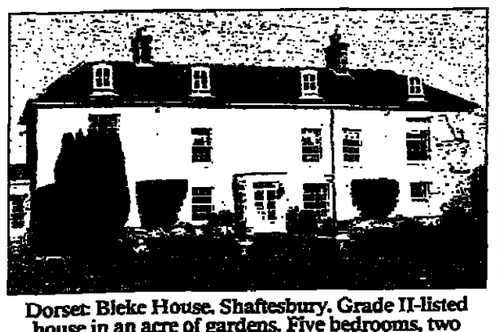
Northamptonshire: The Farmhouse, Bulwick. Grade II-listed stone farmhouse in mature gardens, with a separate self-contained flat and office. Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, drawing-room, dining-room, breakfast-room, kitchen, conservatory. Annexe with office, one bedroom, shower-room, sitting-room and kitchen. About £230,000 (Savills, 0780 66222).



Cumbria: Haresgill, Stainton, Penrith. Dormer bungalow in three-quarters of an acre of gardens, with views over the fells to Ullswater. Five bedrooms, three bathrooms, living-room, dining-room, large fitted kitchen, cloakroom. Central heating. Double garage. About £230,000 (Kirk, 0768 63924).



Wales: Hafod Brynsiencyn, Isle of Anglesey. Renovated house in eight acres, with views of Snowdonia mountains and Menai Straits. Five bedrooms, two bathrooms (one *en-suite*), family-room, lounge, dining-room, breakfast-room, kitchen, and workshop. £235,000 (Cooke, Wood & Caird 0248 362414).



Dorset: Bleke House, Shaftesbury. Grade II-listed house in an acre of gardens. Five bedrooms, two bathrooms, two showers, drawing-room, dining-room, study. Garage, workshop, summerhouse. About £245,000 (Savills, 0722 320422).

C.T.

GET A MOBEN SALE KITCHEN AT OUR SHOWROOMS NATIONWIDE

LONDON & THE SOUTH
BANSTEAD
BARKINGSIDE
BASILDON
BOURNEMOUTH
BRENTWOOD
BRISTOL
BROMLEY
CAMBERLEY
CANTERBURY
CHATHAM
CHINGFORD
COLCHESTER
CRAWLEY
CROYDON
DORKING
FINCHLEY
GUILDFORD
HARROW
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
HEREFORD
HIGH WYCOMBE
HITCHIN
ILFORD
KENSINGTON
KINGSTON
MAIDSTONE
MUSWELL HILL
ORPINGTON
OXFORD
PALMERS GREEN
RALEIGH
READING
RUISLIP
STAINES
ST. ALBANS
SURBITON
SUTTON
TUNBRIDGE WELLS
TWICKENHAM
WALTON-ON-THAMES
WATFORD
WELLING
WIMBLEDON
WOOD GREEN
WORTHING
NORTH WEST
ACCRINGTON
BLACKBURN
BLACKPOOL
CHESTER
MANCHESTER
OLDHAM
WILMSLOW
YORKSHIRE
ROTHERHAM
WETHERBY
SCOTLAND
ABERDEEN
CLYDEBANK
EDINBURGH
UDDINGSTON
SCOTLAND
SHOWROOMS OPENING SOON AT:
FAREHAM
MALTON
MILTON KEYNES
SOUTHAMPTON

SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE

BANK HOLIDAY 5 DAY SALE



MOBEN KITCHENS OVER 50% OFF PLUS FREE FITTING INCLUDING JOINERY, ELECTRICS, PLUMBING & VAT.

PLUS BANK HOLIDAY NEFF APPLIANCE SCOOP



THIS BANK HOLIDAY SALE KITCHEN INCLUDES ALL THIS:

- REMOVAL OF YOUR OLD KITCHEN ✓
- DELIVERY AND CRAFTSMAN FITTING ✓
- ALL JOINERY WORK ✓
- ALL PLUMBING WORK† ✓
- ELECTRICAL WIRING† ✓
- ALL WALL AND BASE CABINETS ✓
- FORMICA 40mm THICK WORKTOPS ✓
- LEISURE SINKTOP, TAPS & WASTE FITTINGS ✓
- BREAKFAST BAR AND LEG ✓
- MATCHING ISLAND UNIT & WORK TOP ✓
- ALL PLINTHS AND SHELVES ✓
- END AND BACK PANELS ✓
- CORNICE MOULDINGS ✓
- LIGHT BAFFLES ✓
- ALL HANDLES, KNOBS AND HINGES ✓
- EXPERT PLANNING AND DESIGN ✓
- DETAILED ON-SITE SURVEY ✓
- FULL GUARANTEE ✓
- FULL AFTER SALES SERVICE ✓
- FULLY INCLUSIVE OF VAT ✓

MOBEN SALE BANK HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES:
Mon - Thurs 10 - 5.30
Good Friday 10 - 5.30
Saturday 9 - 5.30
Sunday 10 - 4.00
Easter Monday 10 - 4.00

0800 616747

Please contact me to arrange a free kitchen survey ☐
Please send me your free colour brochure ☐
Name
Address
Telephone
Postcode
Post to Moben Kitchens, Freepost, Manchester, M16 8BD

THE COMPLETE The MOBEN Sale KITCHEN SERVICE

SALE SALE SALE

Over 50% off refers to price list dated 23/1/93 and includes all cabinets, worktops, sink, taps & fittings. Price example above excludes props, ornaments, chairs, oven, hob & hood. Free fitting of appliances includes delivery, installation, all electrics, all joinery, gas plumbing, ducting (where applicable) and testing. *Offers apply to kitchens over £2976 on selected ranges. †To turnable supply. ††Doors not included on dishwasher and hood

Tony Benn's diaries are now available on cassette

Benn's test of time

■ THE BENN TAPES
By Tony Benn
BBC Radio Collection, £9.99


Benn: accurate record

TONY Benn has kept a diary since the age of nine; the resulting volumes now total 12 *million words*. "*It is a* Victorian habit", he explains. "My father, born in 1877, was brought up on a book called *How to Make 24 Hours Out of Every Day*. It said everyone was equal in one respect, time — and you had a moral duty to use your time wisely. My father made me keep a time chart showing how much sleep and how much work I did and the theory was that sleep and work should come to 24 hours. I've still got charts I did at college.

"I think time is a bit of an obsession with me, and the chronicling of time is part of the process. It is a terrible discipline. Sometimes I would just like to go to bed. It adds about two hours to my day."

The sheer size of his diary means that requests for information arrive by every post. He is leaving all the papers and tapes to the British Library. "*No one has ever* challenged the factual accuracy of the diaries."

The Benn Tapes, recorded extracts from his diaries, are based on the recent Radio 4 series, edited into segments: Benn on royalty, the miners, the sterling crisis and the shock resignation of Harold Wilson.

He started recording his diary in January 1969 after learning that Dick Crossman was doing it, and like many diarists he knocks the opposition. Of Crossman he says, "Dick sat at home on Sunday, gathered all the papers he could find and did a retrospective. They were wildly inaccurate." Of Barbara Castle: "she was a journalist who did it in shorthand, but I caught her out in an error."

Benn is a former BBC sound producer, and there is a touch too much on the tapes of the boring business of switching on the recorder. His notorious quote in 1968, which led to calls for his resignation, about "broadcasting being too important to be left to the broadcasters" was, he claims, a misquotation because they cut off the part which adds, "we must find ways of allowing people to talk to each other". Current broadcasting *finds little favour with him:* too much comment, too many snippets.

Will history be kind to him? He says, "Whether I come out of it well is absolutely irrelevant and I'm not a bit interested. I've changed my mind and made lots of mistakes. I was pro nuclear power, I was pro EC, I supported Barbara on 'In Place of Strife'. Everybody knows I changed my mind and I'm not a bit ashamed."

He says he'll carry on being Chesterfield's MP as long as his constituents want him. And then, perhaps back to the House of Lords? "No. I went there the other day to listen to a speech about Bosnia and I saw all those former Labour MPs and trade-unionists, and I put a note in my diary with some passion. You won't see me advertising anything, like Denis with his eyebrows."

The phone had rung about *six times during the interview.* Work stretched out before him. Time was calibrated both backwards and forwards, work and sleep still adding up always to 24 hours a day.

RUSSELL TWISK

Genius in the round

Benedict Nightingale on Joan Littlewood's autobiography

■ JOAN'S BOOK
By Joan Littlewood
Methuen, £20


Joan Littlewood's book is full of punchy anecdotes and blunt judgments but short on details of her working methods

NOTE the title. Can you imagine the late Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree naming his theatrical memoirs *Bert's Book*, or even John Gielgud publishing an autobiography called *Johnny's Book*? But a pugnaciously demotic, no-nonsense title is to be expected of a director who, even when her name resounded round Europe, was to be found on first nights scrubbing the front steps of her East End theatre, "because we're expecting company".

Joan Littlewood has lived quietly in France since the death in 1975 of Gerry Raffles, the husband and colleague she *often and movingly* remembers in her autobiography. But in the 1950s and 1960s she knocked the cobwebs, the corners and a lot else off the British theatre. Behan's *Quare Fellow* and *Hostage*, Delaney's *Taste of Honey*, Theatre Workshop's *Oh, What a Lovely War!*: out in Stratford-atte-Bowe she again and again substituted the rough, direct and popular for the smooth, decorative, and arty.

She was always unconventional, and so, unsurprisingly, is *Joan's Book*. It is long, 790 pages in all, and it can be curt. We get reams of remembered or imagined dialogue from years ago — Littlewood the dramatist who never quite was? — and we get punchy anecdotes and blunt judgements: Olivier, for instance, is "the most stupid ham who *ever* conned people into thinking him an actor". The result is rambling and perverse, lively and exhilarating. *Joan's Book*, in short, is Joan.

She was born in South London in 1914, the illegitimate daughter of a maid, and grew up in a merry, boozy, quarrelsome, impoverished household. Her brains took her to a convent school on a scholarship, her love of theatre to the Old Vic balcony, her success as the director and star of a school *Macbeth* to RADA, a place she predictably found too posh. The 1930s (precise dates are mostly missing) found her walking to Manchester and, despite collapsing of hunger halfway, becoming a rep actress.

She quickly fell into more radical company, joining and eventually dominating the agitprop troupe that was to evolve into Theatre Workshop. If adventurousness is a continuing theme of her book, struggle is another. The Arts Council was usually unhelpful, often hostile. One actor went violently mad, another was arrested as an army deserter. Even after the company became internationally famous, its members were to be found sleeping on floors or in trucks, or carting tomatoes across the country to sell at 4d a lb. Littlewood herself, anxious to avoid the ticket inspector, once leapt from a moving train.

There are plenty of funny moments, several involving Brendan Behan. Littlewood invisibly holds him in his chair during his famous television interview with Malcolm Muggeridge, hoping he will not again start shouting, "I've planted more bombs than you've had hot dinners, you pox bottles". Later, the police find him at the wheel of the Woolwich ferry, drunkenly steering across what he calls the Missouri. As for Littlewood herself, she is capable of appearing at a big do in the House of Commons in nothing but pyjamas and a mac.

The book has its lacunae. Couldn't Littlewood have told us more about her working methods? How is it that one moment Delaney has flounced angrily out of her life, and the next is having fun with her in New York? And why is she so evasive about her one big failure, Lionel Bart's Robin Hood musical, *Twang!*? Is it true that, a few days before its world premiere, the actors were still improvising war games, Americans versus Vietcong? Her genius was an oddball one, but it was always just that: genius.

BOOKS IN THE TIMES

MONDAY

Colin Welch on Sir Leon Brittan's Euro vision; Natasha Fairweather on Paul Auster's *Mr Vertigo*

THURSDAY

***Den of Lions*, Terry Anderson's account of his life as Beirut's longest-held hostage, is reviewed by John Oates**

Derwent May reviews the critics

5/5 Pleasure ratings are given to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate length to date of reviews in national broadsheet newspapers

3/5 Effing and blinding: James Kelman's new novel, *How Late It Was, How Late* (Secker, £14.99) is the agonising story of Sammy, a blind Glasgow drunkard, written largely in Scottish slang and soaked in swearwords (there are about 4,000 "f***"s in it). But the reviewers thought it was a splendid book.

Laura Cummings in *The Guardian* said it had "enormous artistic and social depth", and that you get "right inside Sammy's interior monologue". In *The Times*, Gill Hornby called it "Kafka on the Clyde", and appreciated the fact that Sammy "can always see a joke".

In *The Daily Telegraph*, Victoria Glendinning described it as "heartbreakingly sad" — and claimed that in the end you did not notice the swearwords any more than the punctuation. In *The Sunday Times*, Harry Ritchie said that "even by the criterion of gripping-readibility, it is a riproaring success". But he admitted that "many middle-class English critics have been cowed by Kelman's militantly working-class, Scottish material". Still true?
Col cms: 249

2/5 Fry up: Lynne Truss (*see opposite page*) laughed at Stephen Fry's new novel *The Hippopotamus* (Hutchinson £14.99), but other reviewers were not so sure. Jane Shilling in *The Sunday Telegraph* said it was "neither clever nor funny". Lynn Barber in *The Sunday Times* thought it *was* "clever and witty", but that the story of the drunken poet who goes to a country house to investigate strange goings-on "wavers uneasily between seriousness and camp". Geraldine Brennan in *The Observer* decided the book was like its hero: "jovial company for a few rounds, but depressing to be stuck with at last orders."
Col cms: 160

THE TIMES CONUNDRUM COMPETITION

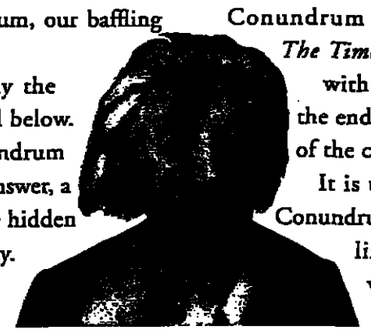
Conundrum
the ultimate brainteaser

This is Day Six of Conundrum, our baffling brilliant brainteaser.

Here is how to play: Study the Conundrum clue in the panel below. Then use your wits and Conundrum experience to unravel it. The answer, a single letter or number, will be hidden somewhere in *The Times* today.

When you think you know what it is, note it on your Conundrum coupon that appeared in *The Times* on Saturday, March 26th with your first five answers. At the end, they will form an anagram of the competition winning phrase.

It is up to you to sort it out! Conundrum will tax your brain to the limit. But, equally, the prize will exceed the limits of your dreams!



WIN *the ultimate holiday*
Balinese Beauty, Caribbean Style

Necker Island is Richard Branson's vision – a fabulous holiday home in the Caribbean. Secluded and exclusive, it combines a paradise location with an unprecedented level of sheer, pampered indulgence. The Conundrum winner and five friends will spend a week there, including Virgin Atlantic Upper Class return flights, entirely free of charge.

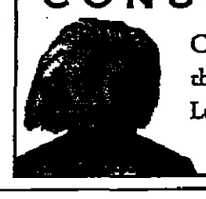


Necker Island Richard Branson's passion for all things Balinese has led him to commission two guest cottages, built by Balinese craftsmen in their own inimitable, exquisite style.

Affectionately christened Bali Hi and Bali Lo, each cottage sleeps two people - so they are an absolutely ideal romantic hideaway for couples. The idyllic, timeless charm of their appearance is balanced by the fact that both cottages offer all conceivable modern comforts, including outdoor spa pools. And they both have fabulous, exotic bathrooms which really do have to be seen to be believed! For more information about Necker Island - call 071-727 8000.

If by chance you have missed any of the clues printed in *The Times* so far, we will reprint all 6 clues on Monday, April 4th.

TODAY'S CONUNDRUM



Channel hopping this week?
Look between the i's
3rd letter.

Carmen Callil is leaving Britain, but her mark on publishing endures

A woman's work is done

Carmen Callil, onlie begetter of Virago Press, says, "I was always interested in influencing, changing society. When I ran Virago, then Chatto & Windus, it was definitely a cultural act."

If you look the publishing house up in the current edition of *The Oxford Companion to English Literature*, you are referred to "Feminist criticism", which "may thus be associated with the rediscovery and reprinting of many works by women writers of the past; with a continuing process of enquiry into sexist attitudes, in male and female literature; and with the encouragement of new feminist writing, both scholarly and creative."

Callil's achievement in dreaming up Virago makes her, together with Victor Gollancz, Allen Lane and Paul Hamlyn, one of the four most radical publishers in Britain this century. She remains chairman of Virago. In 1982 she became managing director of Chatto & Windus.

Last week, she announced that, aged 55, she was slipping away from day-to-day publishing, having satisfied herself that her successors at Chatto were equipped to take over.

Overnight, and not for the first time, Callil's career move became the stuff of comment and photographs in the national press, with quotations and misquotations. She professes astonishment at the interest as she prepares, to depart, Cincinnatus-like, to her plough in France to contemplate her future.

She is a controversial figure. She is assumed, by those who lack her rigorous passion, her intellectual curiosity, her dedication — to books and, especially, to their authors; to her friends; to politics; even to her cat — to be "difficult". What this means in practice is that she is "interesting". It is less that she is larger than life than that, these days, so many apparatchiks in publishing, as in other occupations, are smaller.

She is, with two or possibly three exceptions, the last serious publisher as publishing has been understood historically.

She has always read voraciously. She invariably left dinner parties early to go home to read. She devoured antiquarian booksellers' catalogues. Hence the inspiration of Virago, the awareness of its necessity. She practised marketing and public relations for some years, and thus was a hands-on publisher, a proper managing director.

She regrets that certain skills and personal attributes are not required of publishers any more. Everything, in the land where *lumpen* conglomerate is king, is departmentalised: "The job of running the whole caboodle has gone". She concedes that she does not feel as happy in conglomerates as some of the young people who have experienced no other form of publishing. "I wasn't raised in them," she says.

Callil exempts Random House from her strictures, believing that lists such as Chatto's and Cape's could not survive today on their own — "not all conglomerates are the same". They enable literary imprints to lose money. Can't they make money? "If you're running a list of serious books, you lose money," she says. Everybody in publishing knows this but few admit it. "The market has not grown, the expenses have. There is a much greater need for marketing and accounting. But authors must be paid properly.

"I don't think literature will be a sound financial basis for a publishing house in this country until our educational system is revolutionised," she says.

One of her proudest achievements at Chatto & Windus was to publish a series of "Counterblasts", pamphlets in which well-known writers discussed topical political issues.

She says modestly: "I made a great number of errors. Today, I wouldn't publish so much."

GILES GORDON

The Times/Dillons Bestsellers

HARDBACK

			Last week	No. weeks
1	THE HIPPOPOTAMUS **Stephen Fry** *(Hutchinson)*	£14.99	0	1
2	ZLATA'S DIARY **Zlata Filipovic** *(Viking)*	£9.99	3	4
3	BRAVO TWO ZERO **Andy McNab** *(Bantam)*	£14.99	5	5
4	JUSTICE IS A WOMAN **Catherine Cookson** *(Bantam)*	£14.99	1	3
5	TONY CURTIS: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY **Tony Curtis & Barry Parris**	£16.99	0	1
6	MAGIC EYE: A NEW WAY OF LOOKING AT THE WORLD *(Michael Joseph)*	£10.99	2	3
7	THE EMPTY RAINCOAT **Charles Handy** *(Hutchinson)*	£12.99	10	4
8	THE BONE IN MY FLUTE **Holly Johnson** *(Century)*	£15.99	0	1
9	TORVILL & DEAN: FIRE ON ICE **Jane Torvill & Christopher Dean** *(Orion)*	£12.99	4	4
10	CANTONA: MY STORY **Eric Cantona** *(Headline)*	£14.99	7	2

PAPERBACK

1	SCHINDLER'S LIST **Thomas Keneally** *(Sceptre)*	£5.99	2	5
2	A SUITABLE BOY **Vikram Seth** *(Phoenix)*	£8.99	1	4
3	GAI-JIN **James Clavell** *(Coronet)*	£6.99	9	2
4	THE CHILDREN OF MEN **P.D.James** *(Penguin)*	£4.99	5	3
5	WILD SWANS **Jung Chang** *(Flamingo)*	£7.99	4	5
6	ALAN CLARK DIARIES **Alan Clark** *(Phoenix)*	£6.99	7	3
7	THE TALISMANS OF SHANNARA **Terry Brooks** *(Arrow)*	£5.99	16	1
8	THE PELICAN BRIEF **John Grisham** *(Arrow)*	£4.99	10	5
9	THE RECTOR'S WIFE **Joanna Trollope** *(Black Swan)*	£5.99	8	3
10	IN PLACE OF FALLEN LEAVES **Tim Pears** *(Black Swan)*	£5.99	17	1
11	ALONG CAME A SPIDER **James Patterson** *(HarperCollins)*	£4.99	0	1
12	THE CROCODILE BIRD **Ruth Rendell** *(Arrow)*	£8.99	0	1
13	THE REMAINS OF THE DAY **Kazuo Ishiguro** *(Faber)*	£5.99	0	1
14	THE YEAR OF THE VIRGINS **Catherine Cookson** *(Corgi)*	£4.99	3	2
15	SHADOWLANDS **William Nicholson** *(Headline)*	£4.99	0	1
16	THE GARDENS OF ENGLAND AND WALES *(National Garden Scheme)*	£3.00	0	1
17	THE HOUSE OF THE SPIRITS **Isabel Allende** *Black Swan)*	£5.99	0	1
18	PROVED INNOCENT **Gerry Conlon** *(Penguin)*	£5.99	13	3
19	MIDDLEMARCH **George Eliot** *(Penguin)*	£3.99	6	5
20	PHILADELPHIA **Christopher Davis**	£4.99	18	0

● *This week we are publishing the Top 20 paperbacks in place of the Top 10.*

ANY BOOK ON THIS LIST CAN BE ORDERED FROM: DILLONS BOOKLINE ☎ 071 434 3000

BG

HAVE YOU WRITTEN A BOOK THAT DESERVES TO BE PUBLISHED?

If so, please write for full details, catalogue and reviews of our books to:

The Book Guild Ltd., Editorial Office (TM/5), 25 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2LU.

Member of The Publishers Association

هكذا من الأصل

NEW PAPERBACKS



Michèle Roberts: wicked flights of feminist fancy

■ A PIECE OF THE NIGHT and THE VISITATION
By Michele Roberts
The Women's Press, £6.99 each
Catholic girlhoods in suburban London and rural Normandy are the backgrounds for Booker-shortlisted Roberts's first two novels. In the foregrounds, captured with painful honesty and wicked flights of feminist fancy, English Helen and half-French Julie struggle to make lives for themselves in the gap between conventional expectations and women's liberation.

For anyone wanting to know or remember what it was like in those far-off heady days of the women's movement, these stories bring back every feature — the fierce idealism, the fun, the disapproval. In *A Piece of the Night* (1978), Julie travels between a women's commune in South London and her much-loved family home in France, where her mother guards the flame of good French housekeeping. In *The Visitation* (1983), Helen navigates her way out of rebellious adolescence to become a writer.

Both stories cry out against male — and church — dominated descriptions of experience, (including sexuality), and for a celebratory acceptance of real feeling. Roberts's poetic imagination praises the good things in life, and throws the book of archetypes at anyone who thinks that women should keep quiet. Classics of their time.

■ *IN THE VERY DEAD OF WINTER*
By Mary Hocking
Virago, £5.99
In this intriguing novel, a bleak mid-winter landscape provides an icy canvas for the vivid characters to fill. A London family is spending their last Christmas with their dying father Konrad at a remote country cottage. Florence, Konrad's wife, presents a formidable façade which hides a clinging and timid soul forced to confront its worst fears of living alone. The two adult children attempt to escape her expectations and overbearing nature as she grows more panicky with Konrad's last breaths. Florence's sister Sophia stands at the crux of the novel. A wild, passionate creature secure in her lonely habitat, she remains detached from the turmoil, quietly concealing an affair which will challenge all their realities.

■ WAITING FOR THE PARTY: The Life of Frances Hodgson Burnett
By Ann Thwaite
Faber, £8.99
"There ought to be a tremendous lot of natural splendid happiness in the life of every human being" Frances Hodgson Burnett wrote to her son Vivian in 1882. Making people happy, was one of her main preoccupations and, as the author of *The Secret Garden* and *Little Lord Fauntleroy*, perhaps she succeeded better than most. But this absorbing biography reveals that the grave little girl from Manchester, who grew up to achieve such spectacular literary success on both sides of the Atlantic, always felt that she had somehow missed the party herself. Henry James, always fulsome to her face, secretly described Frances as a "fatally deluded little woman", but the writer Edith Sichel observed more perceptively that behind her "vulgarities of manner" lay "distinction of soul".



■ MEMORIES OF THE FORD ADMINISTRATION
By John Updike *Penguin, £5.99*
New England history professor Alf Clayton has been asked to record his thoughts on the Ford administration for an academic journal. But Alf's memory will keep straying from politics to his own life during those years, "tied to two women, five children, a mother and an unfinished book". The women are his sexy and disorganised wife Norma and his sexy yet perfectly organised mistress Genevieve; the book an attempted biography of James Buchanan, the upright 15th President of the United States. Extracts from Alf's oeuvre supply a telling counterpoint to his tangled personal narrative of adultery, guilt and loss which recreates the mindset of an era as only Updike can.



■ AFTERNOON RAAG
By Amit Chaudhuri
Minerva, £4.99
Although virtually plotless, and essayistic in design, this book will delight anyone who has a deep love of the English language. Arriving, "at last, at a place that is not home," an Indian student describes his encounters with Oxford and Englishness. He is entranced by the light, by the ways in which people speak and by the network of compromises governing the relationship between the students and indigenous townspeople. A gifted stylist, Chaudhuri's exact prose defamiliarises things that have become habitual or automatic. Like the student, the reader is made to see England as if for the first time.



■ THE JAPANESE
By Joe Joseph
Penguin, £6.99
The author, a former *Times* Tokyo correspondent, sets out to discover what makes the Japanese different from us, and does so without fatuity or prejudice. He begins light-heartedly, with questions like "why do Japanese barbers always shave your forehead?" and moves gradually to the more pressing issues of Japanese sexism, racism and professional ruthlessness. The author searches for humour wherever possible, but the despair of a nation whose seemingly invincible stock-market has experienced a collapse, and where death by overwork (*karoshi*) is widespread, makes, finally, for a tone that is cautiously elegiac.

● *Contributors: Alison Burns, Juliet Dominguez, Hazel Leslie, Jason Cowley, Giles Coren*

Poetic licence

Lynne Truss encounters the vicious, opinionated, poet-bigot narrator of Stephen Fry's new novel

■ THE HIPPOPOTAMUS
By Stephen Fry
Hutchinson, £14.99

THE scene is a first-night party, in a recent Simon Gray television play. A famous left-wing dramatic genius and master of the significant pause (can't think who this is) condescends to chat with a nervous admirer. "I enjoyed your *Bigots Against Poetry*," gushes the fan. There is a significant pause, while the playwright draws a warning breath and his eyes go yellow like a dog's. Unhappily for the victim — whose sudden, flailing, verbal laceration recalls Janet Leigh's unpleasant surprise in *Psycho* — the book was entitled *Poets Against Bigotry*.

This mix-up comes to mind because, while Ted Wallace, the coruscating minor-poet narrator of Stephen Fry's second comic novel *The Hippopotamus*, slides comfortably into that revolting World of Leather of sexist old snobs and whisky-drenched cantankerous bullies who constitute the older generation of our English belle-lettrists, it is sometimes hard to work out where he stands on this important bigotry-poetry thing, mainly because he is a vain nasty poet bigot who is proud to oppose virtually anything.

Gloriously rude, Wallace is devoted to shit-and-bum expletives ("stuff my arse with figs"), and holds decanter-rattling opinions on everything from the refurbishments at Liverpool Street station to the abomination of the modern strawberry. On the sexual front, he ogles women whose "breasts stand up like begging dogs"; on the stylistic, he is committed to the resuscitation and vigorous exercise of underused English words such as "gibbous", "beazel" and "footling". Memorably, he describes his body in motion as resembling "a bin-liner full of yoghurt".

Proceeding by means of first and third-person narration, letters and diaries, the plot is pretty slim, but the tireless inventiveness of the writing more than compensates. Wallace meets his god-daughter at a Soho club called Harpo's (can't think what this is). She asks him to cadge an invitation to Swafford, the Suffolk country home of her rich uncle, where something mysterious is going on, concerning miraculous recoveries, resurrections and a teenage boy. Wallace is enticed by the large sum of money she offers, and agrees. "A quarter of a million?" he repeats. "This isn't *lire*, is it?"

At Swafford, we notably meet David, the precocious testosterone-crazed teenager (fotherington-tomas crossed with the boy in *Equus*), David's prosaic older brother Simon (for whom poetry was "a closed book in a locked cupboard in a high attic in a lonely house in a remote hamlet in a distant land"), and a few other grown-ups, whose main narrative function is to react to Wallace and be foils for his excellent jokes. In the end, Wallace solves the mystery by revealing that it is not a mystery at all. How his bigotry or poetry helps him to this opinion is unfortunately unclear.

As a crafter of aphorisms, Fry improves on *The Liar*'s Wildean fireworks, finding slightly deeper, more cynical truths. Wallace observes that his god-daughter is not so pretty in the taxi — "but then no one ever is, which is why it's always worth having shares in whisky and cosmetics". Aside from a tiresome gay house-guest at Swafford, who refers laboriously to Tessa Tedium, Hetty the Hosepipe Ban and Clara Cloud, the jokes are all bang on. "David thought my poem 'Lines on the Face of W. H. Auden' was contrived," reports Wallace wearily. "Which I told him was like complaining that *101 Dalmatians* had a lot of dogs in it."

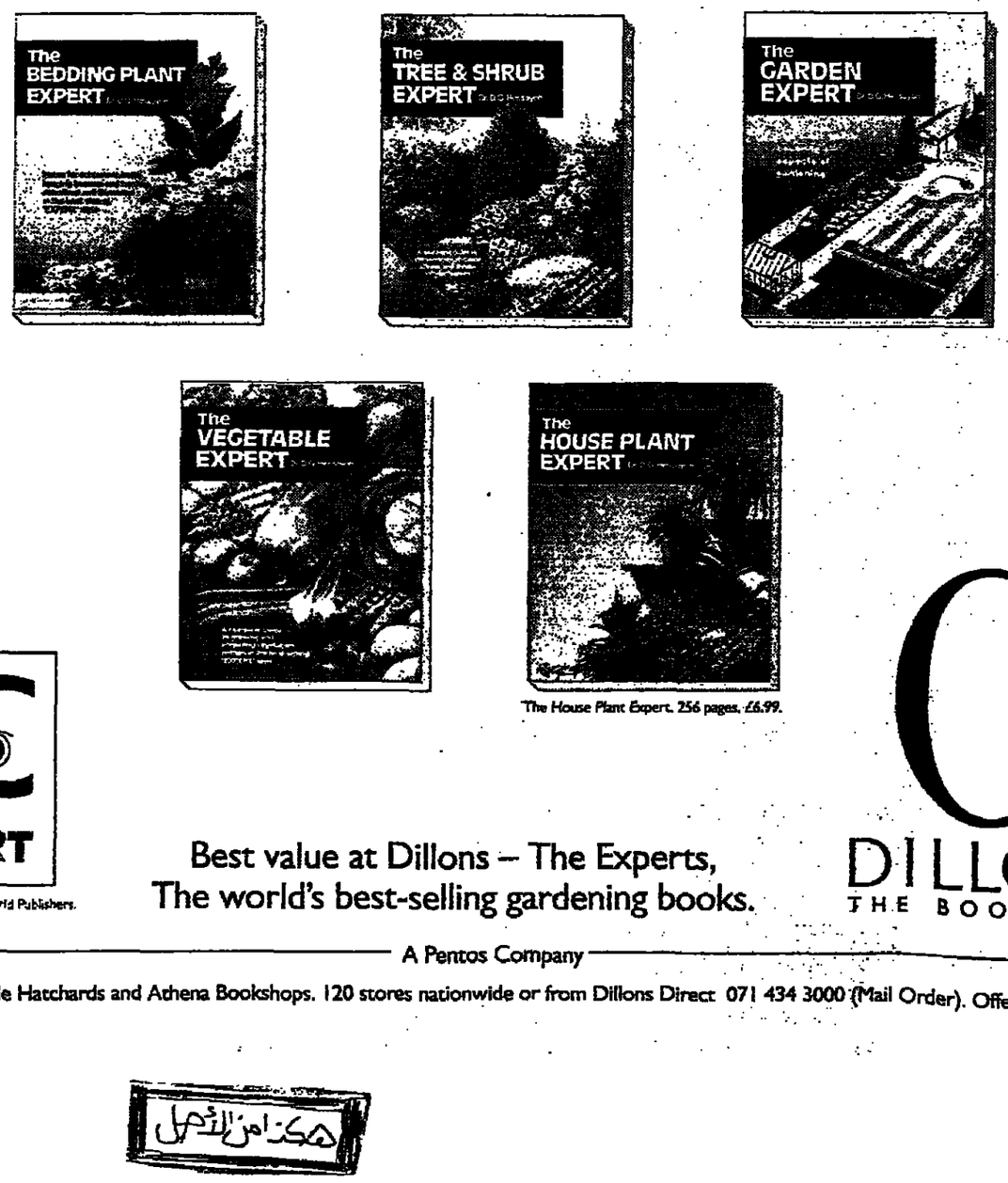


The inventiveness of Stephen Fry's writing in *The Hippopotamus* compensates for the rather thin plotting

At Dillons you don't have to dig deep to get a beautiful garden.



Consult our panel of Experts – £4.99 from Dillons.



The House Plant Expert. 256 pages. £6.99.

EXPERT
Expert is an imprint of Transworld Publishers.

Best value at Dillons – The Experts,
The world's best-selling gardening books.

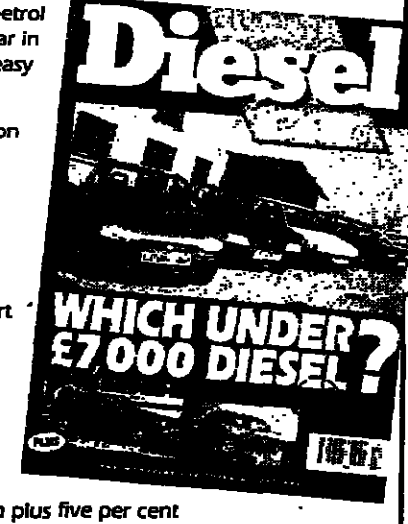
DILLONS THE BOOKSTORE
A Pentos Company

Dillons Bookstores include Hatchards and Athena Bookshops. 120 stores nationwide or from Dillons Direct 071 434 3000 (Mail Order). Offer subject to availability.

MOTORING

DIESEL CARS

WHY DIESEL?



There's a stampede away from petrol cars. So far this year, one new car in four sold has been a diesel. It's easy to see why:

- They're more efficient, using on average a third less fuel
- They hold their value better, in some cases saving £1,000 or more a year in depreciation
- They produce fewer exhaust emissions than even a catalysed petrol car - especially during short trips, when a petrol car is at its most polluting
- The best modern diesels are smooth, quiet, fast and virtually smoke-free

With the government promising to increase fuel prices by inflation plus five per cent every year for the foreseeable future, there's never been a better time to switch to a diesel.

But which are the best diesels? And which is the bigger health threat, the benzene and carbon monoxide from petrol cars, or diesel smoke?

Only **Diesel Car**, the independent monthly magazine, has thoroughly tested virtually all the diesels you can buy. But as well as tests, we investigate the big issues behind the headlines - like health, pollution and transport policy. In the April issue we reveal the huge diesel advantages listed in recent health reports, but over looked by the media; and there's plenty more to interest and entertain. It's in the shops now. Why not pick up a copy and discover why we call **Diesel Car** the magazine for thinking drivers?

If you prefer, we'll happily mail a current issue post-free by return. (UK only). Just send a cheque or postal order for £2.20 to: Diesel Car, Wessex Buildings, Somerton Business Park, Somerton TA11 6SB.

THE MAGAZINE FOR THINKING DRIVERS

ASTON MARTIN

VANTAGE V8 manual, 'x' pack plus big bore exhausts Warwick Blue, magnolia piped blue. 27,000 miles. FSH. Factory service just completed, new tyres. Private sale by enthusiast. £69,500 ono. No canvassers pls. 0962 733019 Winchester.

VANTAGE V8 Auto 6.3 84B Cheltenham Beige/Parchment hide, steel sun-roof £59,995. Car Care Works Ltd Usual Dealer facilities 0442 833177 / 0850 377222

BMW AUTHORISED DEALERS

Richard Cound
BMW in Gloucestershire

318i/2 90G WHITE 40K		£5,995
316 TOURING 93L GREEN 4K		P.O.A
318i/4 LUX 91H WHITE 29K		£10,995
318i/4 TOURING 89G SILVER 55K		£9,495
318iS 93K ALPINE 9K		£17,995
318iS COUPE 93L CALYPSO 4K		£18,995
320i/4 92J MAURITIUS 27K		£15,995
325iA CONVERTIBLE 93L DIAMOND 3K		P.O.A
518i 92J BRILLIANT 14K		£13,995
520i ASE TOURING 93L CALYPSO 3K		P.O.A
525iA 89G GLACIER 65K		£10,495
525iTDS SE 93L DIAMOND 6K		£23,995
525i SE TOURING 93L GREEN 4K		£27,995
530iA V8 93L GRANITE 3K		£30,995
540iA V8 93L DIAMOND 3K		£34,995

(0452) 523456
Richard Cound Limited, Kingsholm, Gloucester

BMW

318i L reg. 3,000 miles only. white. as new. £14,995. No offers. 0268 540860.

320i Conv. 900 Met.Red./lthr. Most extras inc. Hardtop. 21K FSH. £15 0480 434431 (priv)

325i Coupe 92 K 93 Mod. 5 spd Auto. In Granite/ Silver lthr. 10T. FSH. 1 own. As new £20950 Repton 0283 701410T

325i Coupe. 93. auto. mauritius blue. grey leather. air con. superb stereo. cross spoke wide wheels. rear spoiler. colour coded. arrest. totally immaculate. Just serviced. £22,450. Tel 081 500 6237 0836 596778 pt.

535i Sport, manual. 90 H. diamond black. FSH. 70,000m. excellent cond. bargain. £11,950. Southampton 0703 762266.

540i Auto V8 sport. 93 L. Fjord grey met. Light grey lthr. 5 spoke alloys. Spoiler. Full alarm. ESR. CD Hi-fi. 4,800 miles. £32,600. Tel 0276 22044 office hours.

BMW

735i SE Auto. 90 G. 42K. Silver, Grey leather. many extras. 1 owner. BMW FSH. Immaculate £14,500 ono 0705 881181 eves

735 SE 1991 H reg. Laser blue/silver leather. CD. Air con. PDC. ASC. Self levelling susp. Electric rear blind. 6 mths BMW warranty. 88,000 mls. FSH. Pristine £19,750. 0882 713691. 0850 643960.

BMW WANTED

87 - 93 Premium Prices paid for all low mileage BMW'S Molevalley Motor Group 0372 749090 or 0831 406172

BOATING & YACHTING

WANTED 45' to 50' semi or displacement flybridge aft stateroom, well equipped, quality motor yacht. Must be immaculate in exchange for my 1934 Lagonda M45R. value approx. £78K. plus up to £75K cash. Please phone 0532 395344 (office) or 0532 803614.

CLASSIC CARS

AUSTIN 7 Saloon. 1931. hardly used since professional restoration. recently serviced. £5,800. for futher details. 0483 202009

E-TYPE V12 Roadster Manual. BRG/Green trim, requires some cosmetic attention. Drives well. £16,995 0342 838025.0836 595799 T

JAGUAR E-TYPE 1973 V12 Roadster manual red with wire wheels immaculate condition. Low mileage. F.S.H. £35,000. Tel 0903 733092

JENSEN Interceptor Series III 7.2 ltr., 1974. leather interior. air conditioning. power steering. FSH, private plate. £9,750. Tel: 0424 845428.

MORGAN +8 82X BRG/Black hide trim, 1 own. 12K miles. history £16,995. Car Care Works Ltd. Usual Dealer facs 0442 833177 / 0850 377222

MAZDA

MX5's 1994 1800 Air Bag model from stock £15,995 + hard tops £595. MX3's 1994 model £15,780 Intercar of London 081 203 3399/ 8070.

EXECUTIVE CARS

Lancaster
CONSISTENTLY THE BEST BUYERS OF MERCEDES - BENZ, PORSCHE, BMW, JAGUAR, FERRARI ROLLS-ROYCE, LAND ROVER & 4 X 4.
0860 308333 (SOUTH)
0831 344705 (NORTH)

FERRARI

F40. 200mls. no KAT. £185,000 (tax paid). Please contact Dr Gerl. Phone 010 49 9421 10036. fax 010 49 9421 80823.

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE WANTED

1988 - 1993 Top prices paid for all low mileage 4x4's. Molevalley Motor Group 0372 749090.

ABSOLUTE keenest Discovery/ Range Rover buyer E-L reg. John Pennell 081 560 9751

RANGE ROVER, late model wanted by private buyer. Tel (071) 354 5891 (eves/wkd) or fax (071) 283 2037.

GENERAL

VAUXHALL Senator 3.0 G reg. dark blue. cen/lock. air/con. auto. one owner. chauffeur driven. lthr int. 29,000 mls. FSH. all elec. £12,000 ono. 071 493 0243. mornings.

MOTORS WANTED

WANTED
Lexus, Mercedes, BMW, Toyota, and all Quality cars.
88/93 Cash or Draft
Hassop
081-459 0005

JAGUAR & DAIMLER

CHASSEUR DESIGN LTD offer choice of XJS Jaguars - V12 and 4.0 Litre - from stock. Various stages of modification from £11,995 to £21,995. Also SEE: XJ40 Daimler Stealth 3.6 L. 310 BHP full conversion £11,995. Please Tel: 0896 231212. Fax: 0896 257171.

SOVEREIGN, 88 E. 3.6 Auto, signal red. 1 owner. Alarm. Immaculate. 38,000 miles. FSH. £8,750. 081 207 1742.

XJ6 3.2 Auto 91J elec roof /windows 12,800m 1 own £17,995 Quality Part Ex welcome. Cheam Mtrs 081-394 2266

XJ6 3.2 Man 93K (Cat). Dark Blue/Grey leather. air con. s/roof, air bag, CD, 450 mls only. As new £20,995 Lingfield (0342) 835025. 0836 595799 T

XJS 4.0 Auto Kingfisher Blue/cream hide, air-con. 4K miles. FSH. Superb £27,750. Car Care Works Ltd. Usual Dealer facilities 0442 833177 / 0850 377222

XJS Lister 7.0 litre Rosso Red/Magnolia hide, piped in Burgundy. air-con etc. 5K miles £POA. Car Care Works Ltd. Usual Dealer facilities 0442 833177 / 0850 377222

XJS V12. silver/grey. 83. Gen 64K, all extras. the big cat. Only £2,960. Tel 0803 864511.

JAGUAR & DAIMLER WANTED

1986 - 1993 Premium Prices Paid for Low mileage Jaguars Mole Valley Grp 0372-749090.

ABSOLUTELY the keenest E-L Jaguar Buyer Call John Pennell at Just Jaguar 081 560 9751.

LEXUS

A Coupe from Lexus - The supreme driving experience from £28,000. V8 & 2.5 Twin Turbo. New & Used Intercar 081 203 3399/8070

TAX BUSTERS - Coupé. Save 36% Tax on Company Cars when you buy a 1991 car from 28K inc Warr - Low mileage. Rare Imports 0734 713244.

LEFT HAND DRIVE

RANGE ROVER Vogue SE 3.9 LHD 1992 Auto. White. Dark sable leather trim. Six hundred miles only. Alarm. Radio/Cass. Air con. Nudge Bar. Tow pack. Immaculate cond. (Cost New £36,130) For sale £28,000. No canvassers. Tel: 0703 268140 Fax: 0703 260708

MERCEDES AUTHORISED DEALERS

300 SL 1991 J. Brilliant silver, grey leather, auto. cruise control, air con. 8 hole AW, stereo, ABS, Headlamp WW. 29,000 m. £41,995 Mistral Cars 0705 669041 or 0860 668136

500 SL 91. H reg. Anthracite. Cream leather trim. elec seats with memory, twin air bag. child seat, Ortho seats, alloys, air con. 31,000 m. £49,995 Mistral Cars 0705 669041 or 0860 668136

MERCEDES

190E 2.6 auto. G reg. 48,000 mls. Immaculate condition. CD. ESR. EW. EM. £10,990. Tel: 081 458 0166 after 6PM.

190E 1.8 auto. J 92. dark blue/grey met. 26K. ESR. EFW. rad cass. VGC. £13,500 ono. Office hrs 0892 512277.

190E 91 J. Auto 2.0. beryl/grey cloth. 15K. EW. ESR. ABS. heidelberg stereo. one owner. £15,500 Tel 0789 204784.

190 G reg. 2.0 manual. white. grey interior. good condition throughout. £6,995. Tel: 081 8987200, 07842 55706 Home.t

200 Saloon, white/blue. 87 D. 78,000 mls. auto. ABS. ESR. FSH. PAS. £7,000. (0782) 664649 Day or 663038 Eves.

200TE Estate. manual, 89 G. met silver. FSH. 86,000m. 1 owner, ex cond. bargain £11,980. Southampton 0703 762266.

220TE 93K auto estate. blue/grey cloth. FSH high spec. 11K. Owner emigrating £28,500. 071 373 9000.

230TE 1988. 7 seater. blue. FSH. Rad/cass. excellent condition. £7,995. 0483 224068.

MERCEDES

280 E Auto (1987). black. 2 owners. FMSH. high spec. ABS alloys. FAR. RHR. 71K. Private sale £8,995 0252 795397

280 SL 1985 (C). Champagne met. 65,000 miles Auto. Immaculate FSH £14,500 Tel: 0252 793307.

280 SL 1985. thistle green. only 33,000 mls. immaculate. FSH. £16,500. Tel. 0785 712826.

300SL 24V 5 speed auto 92 red/cream leather air cond. rear/seat. cruise. many other extras. 5,000 miles. 1 owner. £49,900. Tel 0206 44946

300 SL '88. excellent. 80K mls. air/con. leather. rear seats. CD. pearl grey. 1 yr wty. FSH. new MOT £18,500. 081 898 9029.

300SE 1988 red. FSH. alarm. alloys. etc. 82,000. Mint condition. £10,750. 081 4442281 W

300SL 1989 Red. ABS. hide. rear seat. cruise. hard top. FSH. 24k P/X £22,500 0384 442853 T

380SL 1984 Magnificent example red. alloys. rear seat. CD. other extras. 74K mls. Service history. £13,500 Home 021 353 4078 Office 0675 465696.

420SL 1989 (G) H/S tops. Auto. Pagot/beige cloth. ABS. alloys. R/cassette. 1 own. 26,000 miles. FSH by Merc. Superb condition throughout. £23,995 Templeton Motors 0271 45072

420SL 1988 Nortic blue. full grey lthr with rear seat. Cruise. ABS, immobiliser. FSH. 37,000 miles. in outstanding order. £21,000. Tel 081 9984847(eve)

420SL red. 1987. electric windows. rear seats. alloy wheels. FSH. 48K. £19,980. Tel 081 669 0389 East.

420SEC H reg. pearl grey. cream hide. usual extras + rear blind. FSH. £21,000. 0244 315047

450SL private reg. 1980. 73k. metallic blue. alloys wheels. hard/soft tops. £9,995. 0543 503458 H. 0543 577497 O.

450SLC 1980. Immaculate condition. Blue. A/C. ESR. S/H. MOT'd. personal no. plate. £10,000. 0483 420197

500SL 1986D. personal plate. metallic thistle green. cream leather interior. 41,000 miles. FSH. 2 previous owners. Absolutely immaculate. £21,500 ono. Tel: 081 742 8971.

500SL Roadster Auto. 1987 (E). Ivory/Brazil leather. 2 owners. Genuine 12,800 mls. FSH. hard & soft tops. ABS. rear seats. Immaculate £24,995. 0923 263030 Bus Hrs T

560 SEC Diamond blue/cream leather. 1987. full dealer history. 78,000 miles. ear. air con. e/seats. htd/seats. CD system. cruise. abs. alloys. £13,995. 0734 774251 (t)

C CLASS Elegant 180. 1994. Auto. metallic brilliant silver. 3,000 miles. £23,980. (Leicester) Tel: 0533 416464.

TOP GEAR Rec 190E/2.0ltr auto H reg. 18K. white. FMSH. only £13,600. 0707 872912 Herts.

MERCEDES WANTED

1987 -1993 Premium prices paid for all Mercedes. Glenn Williams 0372 749090 or 0831 406172 We deal Nationwide.T

230, 260. 300 SE/ SL. minimum £15,000 paid for good models. 89 on. Immediate decision. Tel: 081 8987200. 0831 805450.t

NEW SHAPE SL
500SL, 300SL, 300SL 24v. 1989 - 1994
All models urgently required. Any mileage or condition.
Immediate cash payment.
0628 667222 (5 lines)
0836 280280
(Nr Heathrow).

MITSUBISHI

SPACE WAGON 94 spec. 2LGLXI. Automatic. diamond pack option. chateaux silver. 2,000 miles. 4 months old. £15,000. 0473 741191

PEUGEOT

605 SV Auto 91J. Silver/Grey trim. 1 owner. s/roof. 12,000 mls. FSH. £10,995 Tel: 0342 835025 or 0836 595799 T

PORSCHE

911 C2 CAB. 90 G. silver/blue hood. 24k mls. many extras. FPSH. 1 own. £29,850 no ofrs. 081 398 9041. 081 949 9191.

911 Carrera 2 coupe. 91 H. black/grey leather. full spec. inc SR. FSH. 1 owner. 38,000 miles. £28,000. 0213 893113.

911 CARRERA Club Sport. 88 F. FSH. new clutch and full service just completed. 85,000 miles. £16,800. 0451 820122.

928 GT Midnight blue. blue piped leather. FSH. ESR. full spec. £17,000. 0213 893113.

PORSCHE

TURBO Flatnose 1986 dark blue. hide 45k £27,500. 0836 586292

PORSCHE WANTED

WANTED WANTED All Porsches Any mileage. Any condition. Anywhere 0895 835798 Anytime

PERFORMANCE CARS

DODGE VIPER Black. In stock for immediate delivery £55,000 Howes 0525 220508 I

FERRARI DINO 246GTS 1972 Rosso. beige daytona seats. fully restored. excellent throughout. recent full service £46,000ono Tel 081 874 2408 (day) 081 876 7890 (eve)

LANCIA Delta Integrale evolution 1992. red/black leather. 9,000 miles. Immaculate. £21,500ono Tel 081 874 2408 (day) 081 876 7890 (eve)

LOTUS ELAN SE. 1991. calypso red. 22,000 miles. 1 owner. fsh. alarm. half leather seats. £18,750 ono. Tel 0706 844712 ask for Duncan.

LOTUS ESPRIT Turbo SE 90 white/blue hide 32K service history. £19,995. No canvassers Tel: 0326 342208

LOTUS ELAN SE '90 H, red. 24k mls. FSH. alarm. 1 owner. £15,750. 0394 385868

LOTUS ESPRIT Turbo '88 F Silver. blk hide. a.cond. 48k mls £14,000. Tel wk 021 766 6331

LOTUS ELAN SE 1991 J 9000 miles. alarm. extras. perfect. £18,500. Tel 0628 482605

MAZDA MX3 1.8i V6 Coupe Red ABS. PAS. elec roof/winds. alloys. etc. 21,600m. Mint £11,750 Quality PX welcome Cheam Mtrs 081-394 2266

NISSAN Skyline GTR. Porsche beating performance entered national saloon car cup 1st round silverstone 26/27 March. From £22K+ Rare Imports 0734 713244.

NISSAN 300ZX twin turbo. black. manual. May 90. 44k. FSH. immaculate. £12,750 ono. 0765 677219.

NISSAN 300ZX wanted. low mileage. prof leather. Mole Valley Motor Group 081-394 1114

NISSAN 200SX or Corrado G60 wanted. with FSH and under 30K miles. Tel 0775 820270.

RARE IMPORTS Beat. 8-cargo. shogun conv. serb. GTR Skyline Lexus Coupé. 0734 713244

TVR Griffith 500. 94 L. metallic blue/magnolia hide. 2,000 miles. Genuine reason for sale. £30,250. 0836 380480

TVR Griffith (280 bhp) '92. 9,500 miles. 1 owner. Bordeaux red. £24,000. 0860 891468.

TVR wanted low mileage. Call Charles Eyslon Mole Valley Motor Group 081 394 1114 T

TVR 350i
Series II (C Reg). Porsche Slate Blue/Matching Interior. 390 E/Mirrors. E/Windows. 43,000 miles. TVR Dealer Maintained. Excellent condition. £7,750 ono.
Tel: 0932 829957

ROVER

220GTI 91 J. 19,000 miles. white, 1 owner. excellent condition. £7,478. 0491 875552.

VITESSE 92 K. 19,000mls. 5 door, flame red. FSH. company car arriving. £12,800 ono. Tel 0703 463097 (Southampton)

REGISTRATION NUMBERS

DJ 1 Offers invited. 0685 883723. Evenings only.

GMS 2V Offers over £1,000 TELEPHONE 0628 73577

K1 CDH £1,098 ono 081 337 3553

MSA 21 £5,780 Tel: 0243 778867

RB 11 otro £18,000. RB 48 otro £5,730. 0925 420202

WAP 758 £1,000 TEL 0243 528281 or 530411

WHO 54 £1,000. TEL 0643 841583.

REGISTRATION NUMBERS WANTED

RAT or RRP. Tel: 0327 300 308 or fax details on 0327 301888.

ROLLS-ROYCE & BENTLEY

1984 Bentley NS Mid blue grey int recently restored 90,000 miles £17,950 0225 891168

BENTLEY MULSANNE S 1988 Lark spur blue 49k. FSH. magnolia piped turbo R wheels TV £32,950 0202 887963

BENTLEY 8 G 27k Satin sis CD Magnolia Hide piped RRFSH Wrty £35,995 081 886 1712

CORNISH CONVERTIBLE 1981 willow gold with brown hood and mag hide upholstery. Piped in brown in immaculate original condition FSH 8,300miles £42,500 0260 410983

MULSANNE S 87E Brewster Green/Parchment hide stacking CD 64K miles £28,995 Car Care Works Ltd Usual Dealer facilities 0442 833177 / 0850 377222

ROLLS ROYCE & Bentley specialist offer a superb selection of over 40 pre owned vehicles in stock, from 1963 to 1990 All cars are fully serviced before delivery & have a full 18 month guarantee Finance arranged part exchange welcome. for an up to date stock list call 081 567 9729 after hrs 0932 224872

ROLLS ROYCE silver Spirit 1987. masons black, burgundy hide, private reg. knee rolls. sheepskin rugs, ebony dash cappins, tel, white walls, cost 61K, fsh, immaculate £24,750 0222 708509 24hrs

SHADOW II. 1980. chestnut roof/silver sand body. beige hide 2 owners, 85,000 miles. FSH. £12 500 (0483) 232413

SHADOW II 1980 Brown/Gold. 160,000 mls. 12 months MOT. one owner. £8,750 Tel. 061-832 7333 or 0663 734607 T

SILVER SHADOW II. 1 Registered owner. 48,000 miles FSH. Probably best avail £14,995 0903 766988 Mon Sat (T)

Jack Alpe
50/54 MARYLEBONE HIGH STREET LONDON W1

MULSANNE S 91 Graphite/Light Grey, 32,000 mls, FSH, Superb [illegible]
TURBO R 90 H, E oyster/ parchment, 1 or, 54,000 mls, FSH, superb £32,950
TURBO R 89 dark oyster/ parchment, cabinet, picnic trays, only 48,000 mls, FSH, £29,950
MULSANNE 85 dark oyster/ grey, alloy whls, superb cond, FSH, £21,950
MULSANNE Turbo, 83, Brewster green/ beige, alloy whls, superb cond. Handling pack, 63,000 mls, £19,950

071 935 1124

SAAB

9000 CSE 93L, Ruby red, 6K, manual, Ac, CD, ABS, Warranty, £16,995 Tel: 0389 268242, 24hrs

ABSOLUTELY the keenest E-L Saab buyer. Call Jeremy Smith 081-422 7297 at Simply Saab.

TOYOTA

ABSOLUTELY the keenest Previa Buyer. Call Jeremy Smith 081-422 7297 T

VOLVO

7 SEATS Estate. 940GL, 2.0. 92 J. 28k, sunroof, red, £11,800. Tel 0276 685501

850 GLT 2.0. 93K, manual, silver, navy leather, alloys, all E/W, ESR, EM, trip computer. 23K miles, LTC. £14,280. Tel 081 339 9996 or 081 399 2313

ESTATES Excellent 7.8 & 9's Wanted & For Sale. Tel: PWC 0494 672727 (Fax 672704) T.

WANTED All Volvos E-L regs Premium prices. Call Terry Byrne, Mole Valley Group 0372 749090/0831 586404

VOLKSWAGEN

CORRADO VR6 Auto 93'K' 14,000m FSH. 1 own. Aqua/ Grey leather Recaro heated seats, 10 stack CD, Fact Alarm. £18,450 (9am-7pm) 0639 887948 Eves 0792 885433 T

GOLF GTi. Convertible. H (91) black. 39,000 miles. carmen alarm. FSH. stereo. mint condition. £7,995. ono. first to see will buy. Tel 0745 891308 after 5.30pm.

GOLF GTI 16V. 5dr. Aug 92. K reg. Red. BBS Alloys. Alarm. Imobiliser. FSH. immac. 16,000 miles. £9,280. 021 704 3987.

FOCUS ON FOUR WHEEL DRIVE

DISCOVERY TDI S. J reg. 5 dr. 7- seater. Usual 'S' fitments and twinhatches. 17K. FSH and warranty to March 96. 12 months tax. never towed or off road. Immaculate corailing red/ beige cloth. £17,000. Tel 0564 776586 (Solihull)

DISCOVERY 5 Door. April 93. TDI. white. full elec pack. air con. HQ alarm. + 12 cd stereo. as new. Private on road use only. New UK plates. LHD. 27,000 km. FSH. Offers to 0327 359783.

H.R.OWEN
TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE
FOR A SELECTION OF OVER 40 USED DISCOVERY'S & RANGE ROVERS IN LONDON
081 992 2299 WEST LONDON
0831 144512 SUNDAYS

SOUTHERN COUNTIES

RANGE ROVER / DISCOVERY / DEFENDER 90/110 [listings illegible]

[illegible] LAND ROVER TEL: (0293) 531222

WANTED
Range Rover — Jeep — Landcruisers — Shogun & all 4x4's
88/93 Cash or Draft
Hassop
081-459 0005

LAND CRUISER 94 LWB man latest model 2 tone 1000 mls extras UK supplied list £35,000 sell for £28,800 0977 662 389

JEEP CHEROKEE Ltd. 94L. hunter green met with sand leather interior. 3,000 miles. Upgraded Jeep alarm/ immobiliser and stereo CD system. £21,500. 0909 473902.

GALES

FRONTERA SELECTION
GOOD SELECTION ALWAYS IN STOCK. USED FRONTERAS SOUGHT FOR CASH

2.4i Estate, Glacier, Alloys, TSC, N/Bar	£18495
2.4i Estate, Flame	£17295
2.4i Estate, Smoke, Alloys, TSC, N/Bar, DL	£18995
2.4i Estate, Jungle, Alloys, TSC, DL, T Hitch	£18495
2.4i Estate, Caribe, N/Bar	£17245
2.4i Estate, Smoke, Alloys	£18145
2.4i Estate, Jungle, Alloys, TSC, N/Bar	£18495
2.4i Estate, Jungle, Alloys, DL, N/Bar, T Hitch	£18695
2.4i Estate, Flame, Alloys, DL, N/Bar, S Steps	£17895
2.4i Estate, Jungle, Alloys, DL, T Hitch, Fogs	£18895
2.4i Estate, Silk	£17495
2.4i Estate, Flame, Alloys, N/Bar	£17995
2.3TD Estate, Jungle, Alloys, N/Bar, Steps, TSC	£19495
2.4i Estate, Satin, Alloys, N/Bar, S Steps, TSC	£18495
2.3TD Estate, Emerald	£17295
2.0i Sport, S/Violet, Alloys	£15795
2.0i Sport, White, Alloys	£13995
2.4i Diamond Estate, Spectral, Leather, Extras	£18995

GALES of Beccles
Common Lane North, Beccles, Suffolk NR34 9BN
(0502) 717023

NEW Ford Mavericks at Pre-increase prices. most specifications available. tel Tim Saple GK Group. Ford Main Dealer 0494 729401 (Open Sundays).t

HOWES JEEP SPECIALIST
EATON BRAY BEDFORDSHIRE
TEL 0525-220508

94 GRAND CHEROKEE Ltd 5.2 V8. 3 for immediate delivery
94 Model GRAND CHEROKEE 5.2 V8 Red Del mls £28,995
93 GRAND CHEROKEE 4.0 Ltd Red 75mls £27,395
92 WRANGLER 2.5 White 2000mls £10,495
VIPER 8 Litre V10 Black Del mls £55,000
L Reg Wrangler 2.5 Red Only 4,000m £11,995
88 Cherokee 4.0 Ltd. Black Air Lthr etc £9,995

Large selection of 4x4's in stock most makes from £6000

Testers of Edenbridge

RANGE ROVER
1992 Td Trocadero Red - Tow Pack, 22150 miles £20,995
1993 Vogue SE Auto, Green Metallic - Lthr, Air 4,210 miles £32,495

DISCOVERY
1990 Tdi 3dr - Windjammer Blue, Nudge Bar 32,000 miles £15,495
1991 Tdi 3dr - White, Nudge Bar, Tow Pack, 15,000 miles £15,995
1991 TdiS 5dr - Carrigada Green, Nudge Bars, 46,000 miles £17,495
1992 TdiS 5dr - Carrigada Green, Nudge Bars, 18,950 miles £18,495
1992 TdiS 5dr - Carrigada Green, Rear Step, 41,000 miles £18,495
1993 Mpi 2.0 5dr - Carrigada Green, 5 spoke Alloys 5,000 miles £17,995
1994 TdiS Auto 5dr - Montpellier Red, Twin Sun Hatches, 3,000 miles £23,995

Tel: 0732 863303 0831 598497 SUN

RANGE ROVER. Vogue, SE 3.9 Auto. alarm. 92J. Westminster grey. Bollbars. side step. FSH. 44K. Full spec £20,780. 0628 36935H 0783 877857W.

RANGE ROVER 3.9 Vogue SE. Caspian blue. grey lthr. all usual extras + immobiliser. Alpine sounds. £14,960. 081 870 8888 or 0956 256004.

RANGE Rover, Vouge, SE. auto. 91 H. black. grey leather. 40,000 miles. FSH. immaculate. £17,950. 0378 891154.

LAND ROVER Assured [listings illegible]

HARWOODS
Tel: (0798) 872407

LOXLEYS LANDROVER
SPRING SALE
RANGE ROVER [listings illegible]
DISCOVERY
CAR OF THE WEEK [listings illegible]

BROADFIELDS

94(L) Vogue LSE 4.2 V8 A Beluga £36,995	93(L) V8S 5dr A, Carigada, 5T ... £23,995
94(L) Vogue SE A, Ardennes, 2T ... £33,995	93(L) V8i 5dr A, Aspen Silver, 9T £28,995
93(K) Vogue SE A, Trocadero, 19T £28,995	93(K) Tdi S, 5dr, Sspd, Black, 20T £19,995
92(K) (Wood) Vogue A, Plymouth £23,995	92(K) Tdi S 5dr, Sspd Foxfire 12T £18,495
92(K) Vogue A, Plymouth, 11T ... £23,495	93(K) Tdi S 5dr Sspd, Arken Grey £19,995
92(K) Vogue A, Plymouth, 8T ... £22,995	93(K) V8i 5dr, Sspd, Aegean, 14T £19,995
92(J) Vogue SE A, Trocadero, 50T £18,995	92(J) Tdi S 5dr, Sspd, Ionian Blue £18,995
91(J) Vogue A, Ardennes, 37T ... £19,995	93(K) Tdi 3dr, Sspd, Black, 11T ... £18,495
92(J) Vogue A, Plymouth, 31T ... £19,995	93(K) Tdi 3dr, A, Black, 16T ... £18,495
92(K) Vogue Sspd, Aegean, 21T ... £20,995	91(J) Tdi 3dr, Sspd, Black, 18T ... £16,995

COCKFOSTERS M25, J24, 1 MILE SOUTH
Tel: 081 449 7301

JAGUAR APPROVED USED CARS — **Dutton-Forshaw MOTOR GROUP**

XJ6 / SOVEREIGN / DAIMLER / XJS [numbered listings 1–50 illegible]

PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR FURTHER DETAILS - MOST OF OUR QUALITY PRE-OWNED VEHICLES ARE FITTED WITH EXTRAS!
PART EXCHANGE WELCOME
FREEPHONE 0800 300 220 DIRECT
TEST DRIVES WELCOME

CHIPPERFIELD
NEW RANGE ROVERS
& USED RANGE ROVERS
WATFORD, HERTS
BUSINESS HOURS 0923 263030

CHIPPERFIELD
RANGE ROVER
Range Rover Vogue SE Auto. 1993(L). Plymouth Blue/Grey Leather. 3,000 miles, Land Rover Body Style Enhancement Pack, CD Player, Smoked Glass, Extended Warranty and Free Servicing to 36 months/36,000 miles £33,995
DISCOVERY
Discovery V8i 'S' Automatic 5 Door, 1993 (K), Carrigada Green/Beige Cloth Trim, 14,500 miles, Air Conditioning (Front), Freestyle Choice, Roof Rack, Sun Hatches, Side Runners, Retractable Rear Step, Front Nudge Bar, Hella 1000 Driving Lamps, 1 Owner, Ex Land Rover [illegible]
Discovery Tdi 'S' 5 Door, 1993 (L), Arken Grey/Blue Cloth Trim, 1 Owner, 8,500 miles, Sun Roofs, Roof Rack, Tow Pack, Nudge Bar, Side Runners, Rear Door Ladder, Cubby Box £20,995
Discovery Tdi 'S' 5 Door, 1993 (K), Armada Gold/Beige Cloth Trim, 18,500 miles, 1 Owner (Ex Land Rover), Roof Rack, Sun Roofs, Tow Pack [illegible]
Discovery Tdi 5 Door, 1993 (K), Aspen Silver/Blue Cloth Trim, 1 Owner, 12,000 miles, Seven Seat Configuration, Loadspace Rubber Mat [illegible]
Discovery V8i 'S' 5 Door, 1993 (K), Black/Beige Cloth Trim, Sun Roofs, Roof Rack, 20,300 miles, Ex Land Rover, Fitted Rubber Mats [illegible]
Discovery Tdi 3 Door, 1993 (K), Black/Beige Cloth Trim, 17,700 miles, 1 Owner (Land Rover Ltd) 7 Seats, Electric Pack, Tow Pack, Traveller Audio, Freestyle Choice [illegible]
Discovery Mpi 5 Door 2.0 Petrol 1993 (L), Montpellier Red/Beige Cloth Trim, Ex-Demonstrator, 3,000 miles, Rubber Mats, Loadspace Rubber Mat, Cubby Box, Roof Rack, Extended Warranty to December 1995 or 30,000 miles [illegible]
Discovery Tdi 3 Door, 1991 (H), Windjammer Blue/Blue Trim, 22,000 miles, 1 Owner, Electric Pack, Tow Pack, Side Runners, Front Sun Roof, Front Mud Flaps [illegible]
NR WATFORD 0923 263030

SAAB AUTHORISED DEALERS

SAAB

LEEDS
Robert Bowett Saab, Low Road, Hunslet Leeds. Tel: 0532 776099
H 900 T 16S, Talladega, Aero wheels £10,995
H 9000 2.3S, auto, AW, SR, 1 owner, FSH £10,995
J 900i 16V, 5 dr. Talladega/lthr, FSH £10,995
J CDXS, Le Mans, AC, CD, FSH £11,995
92 CDi 2.3, Cirrus White, only 21K £12,495
L 900i 16V, 3 door, White £13,995
K 900 SE LPT, Le Mans, air con, CD, 13K £14,995
L 900 16V Aero, Talladega Red, Aero kit, 8K £14,995
K CD 2.0 XS, Le Mans, alloys, CD, 14K £15,995
K CDi 2.0, Imola Red, 5 spoke alloys, 6K £15,995
L 900 T 16S Convertible £25,995
L CD Griffin, Ruby Red/leather, CD, 1K £27,995
OUR AFTER HOURS HOTLINE IS - 0831 438489

LONDON
Currie Motors Wimbledon Saab 14 Morden Road SW19
89 (F) CDi 2.0, man, RC, White, 31K £7,495
89 (F) 900 S, 3 dr, man, Cherry Red, 42K £7,995
92 (J) CS 2.0i, SR2, walnut, Le Mans, 49K £10,955
91 (J) 9000 XS, 5 dr, auto, SR2, Le Mans, 49K £10,995
91 (H) 9000 S 2.0, 5 dr, auto, Morfridium, 49K £10,995
90 (H) 9000 S 2.3, man, ABS, Iridium, 24K £11,995
91 (J) 900 T 16, 3 dr, man, Green, 35K £12,495
92 (K) 900 XS, 3 dr, man, choice of 2, 10K £12,495
92 (K) 900 S Aero, 3 dr, man, Imola Red, 8K £14,295
92 (K) CS XS 2.0i, 5 dr, ABS, Scarabe, 12K £15,995
93 (K) CD 2.0 LPT, AC, AW, White, 10K £16,495
NOW OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK
TEL: 081 543 4012

CROYDON
Dove Saab, 1 Brighton Road South Croydon. Tel: 081 688 3456
93 CS 2.3 T 16, auto, lthr, SR, audio £19,995
93 CDE 2.0i, auto, CD, alarm, alloys £16,995
93 900i SE, 3dr, AC, CD, ABS, sunroof £13,495
88 900 T 16 Convertible, White/leather £12,995
90 (H) 9000 S 2.3, auto, SR, AC £11,595
91 (H) 9000 XS, 5 spd, AC, alloys £10,795
90 9000 S, 5 speed, sunroof £9,995
91 900i, 3dr, EW, audio £9,495
89 900 T 16, 3dr, leather, sunroof, audio £8,995
88 (F) 9000i, auto £7,995
DESPERATELY SEEKING SAABS CALL PAUL DAWSON

MANCHESTER
Manchester Saab Tel: 061 832 6566 24 hrs 0836 221678
93 (L) New 900 S 2.0, Imola/Black, 6K POA
93 (L) 900 S Aero LPT, 3 dr, Ruby, RC, 5K SOLD
90 (G) 900 T 16V, Malachite, FSH, 49K £10,495
91 (H) 900i 16V Lux, auto, Le Mans, 73K £10,795
91 (J) 900 S LPT, White, RC, alarm, 17K £12,495
89 (G) 9000 T SE, Black, ACC, RC, FSH, 36K £10,995
91 (H) 9000 XS, Platane, R/CD, FSH, 40K £11,495
93 (K) CSE 2.0i, Scarabe, audio/CD, AC, 12K £17,495
92 (J) CS 2.0i, Nocturne, RC, 15K £12,995
93 (L) CS Eco, auto, Embassy/Angora, SR, 9K £17,995
93 (L) CS 2.0i, Imola/Black velour, RC, 7K £17,495
93 (L) CS Eco, Le Mans, RC, Immobiliser, 9K £17,495
90 (H) 91MY CDE 2.3 T, Scarabe, 35K £14,495
93 (L) CDE 2.3i, auto, Ruby/lthr, R/CD, 8K £21,995

SURREY
Bell & Colvill, Epsom Road, West Horsley Nr. Guildford. Tel: 0483 281000
93 (L) CS 2.0 Eco, auto, SR, airbag, Platane £18,995
92 (K) CSE 2.0i, AC, CD, Panir lthr/Ruby £16,995
91 (J) 9000 2.0i, EW/M, Cherry £10,995
91 (H) 900 S LPT, 3 dr, AC, ABS, Iridium £10,995
90 (H) 9000 S 2.0i, SR, AC, AW, lthr/White £10,495
90 (H) CD 2.0i, auto, EW/M, Malachite £9,995
90 (G) CDS 2.0i, SR, AW, lthr/White £9,795
90 (G) 9000 2.0 T, auto, EW/M, ABS, Iridium £9,495
90 (G) 900 T 16S, 3 dr, ABS, RWW £7,495
90 (G) 900i 16V, 5 dr, auto, SR, RWW £7,495
JUST A SELECTION FROM OUR LARGE STOCK
SUNDAY OPENING 10.00 AM - 4.00 PM

CORNWALL
Riders Saab, Dracaena Avenue, Falmouth Tel: 0326 212222
93 (L) New 900i SE V6, auto, Ruby, TCS, 3K £21,995
93 (L) 9000i CSE, Imola, ACC, alloys, walnut £18,350
93 (L) New 900i, Le Mans, ESR, ICS, HFS £17,950
93 (L) New 900i, Aubergine, ICE, PAS, HFS £15,850
93 (L) New 900 S, Imola, ICE, alloys, HFS, 2K £16,995
93 (L) CSE Eco, Le Mans, AC, CD, 4K £19,495
92 (K) CD XS, Nocturne, AC, ICECD, 10K £14,995
90 (G) 900i, 3 dr, Odeardo, PAS, CL, ICE, 22K £7,995
89 (F) CDS, Silver, ESR, PAS, leather, 60K £7,500
89 (G) 900i, 4 dr, Embassy, PAS, CL, ICE, 41K £6,995
88 (E) 9000i, White, PAS, FSH, ICE, 61K £5,995

ESSEX
Grange Saab, Brook Street, Brentwood Tel: 0277 216161
87 (D) 900i, man, 2 dr, Gold, 71K £4,995
90 (H) 9000i, man, Blue, ESR, 30K £9,950
90 (G) 9000 S, auto, ESR, lthr, 35K £9,950
90 (G) 9000 T SE, auto, ACC, ESR, 64K £10,950
90 (H) 900 T 16S, Cirrus, ESR, 42K £11,950
91 (J) CD 2.0i XS, auto, AC, AW, 33K £12,950
92 (J) 900 Aero LPT, auto, Red, 25K £13,950
93 (L) 900i SE, Le Mans, RC, AC, 6K £14,950
93 (K) CS 2.0i, White, ESR, 10K £15,950
92 (K) CS 2.3i, auto, Nocturne, ESR, 14K £15,950
93 (L) 900i S, 5 dr, Eucalyptus, AW, 4K £16,950
93 (L) CD 2.0i, man, Embassy, AW, 1K £16,950
93 (K) CDE 2.0i, man, AC, CD, 3K £17,950
2 MINUTES FROM JUNCTION 28 OF THE M25

KENT
Parkwood Saab, Wood Close, Quarry Wood Aylesford. Tel: 0622 790900 or 0831 091051
92 (K) 900 T 16S Conv, Monte Carlo Yellow POA
89 (G) 9000 CDS, auto, Silver/leather £8,995
91 (H) 900 T 16S, 3 dr, Blue, AC £12,250
92 (K) 900 Aero LPT, 3 door, Red £13,250
93 (L) 9000 CD, EcoPower, Blue/Cloth £18,495
93 (L) 9000 CSE 2.0 Eco, Green/Panir £19,750
93 (L) 9000 CS 2.3T, Red, sunroof, TCS £19,995
LATEST PART EXCHANGES - RING FOR DETAILS
USED SAABS FROM £6,995.
KENT'S LARGEST SAAB DEALER

CONTRACT HIRE



Available on selected approved Used Saabs up to 2 years old. Ask your nearest Saab Dealer or call our Contract Hire Department on 0628 895704

SAAB APPROVED USED CARS

Lookers Land Rover

ON OR OFF ROAD - THERE'S NO ALTERNATIVE

RANGE ROVER

K584 BUH 1993 RANGE ROVER 4.2 VOGUE LSE finished in Beluga Black with saddle leather interior - rear lamp guards - 13,000 miles ... £32,995

J155 PDE 1992 RANGER ROVER VOGUE TURBO DIESEL 2.5 finished in White with grey trim - 16,000 miles, ABS, air conditioning, electric sunroof, tow pack ... £21,495

L158 VKV 1994 RANGE ROVER VOGUE SE finished in Beluga Black with winchester grey leather - 1,000 miles, body style enhancement kit, CD player ... £34,495

L107 SVC 1993 RANGE ROVER VOGUE TDi finished in Russian Gold - 3,800 miles, ABS, tow pack, air conditioning, electric sunroof, CD player, Land Rover, pre-owned ... £28,995

L266 OEV 1994 RANGE ROVER VOGUE LSE 4.2 finished in Plymouth Blue with dark sable leather - 4,000 miles, CD player ... £35,995

DISCOVERY

K179 FVC 1993 DISCOVERY V8i 3.5 5 DOOR's finished in Caracal Black with beige interior - manual transmission, twin sun hatches, front and rear air conditioning, tow pack, CD player, 20,500 miles, Land Rover pre-owned ... £20,995

K584 YHP 1993 DISCOVERY TDi 3 DOOR finished in Foxfire Red metallic with beige trim - Land Rover pre-owned, 10,000 miles, tow pack c/w headlamp levelling, alloy wheels ... £17,995

J972 UPU 1992 DISCOVERY TDi 3DOOR finished in Windjammer Blue - one owner, 25,000 miles, electrics pack ... £16,995

K811 GKV 1993 DISCOVERY 3.5 V8i 'S' 5 DOOR finished in Savarin White with beige interior - 13,000 miles, freestyle choice, twin sun hatches, Land Rover pre-owned ... £19,995

K86 KAC 1993 DISCOVERY TDi 'S' 5 DOOR finished in Carrigada Green with beige trim - 9,000 miles, CD player, front and rear air conditioning, front fog lamps, hella 1000 spot lamps, rear step, roof rack, side runners, tow pack, twin sun hatches, Land Rover pre-owned ... £22,995

L814 PAC 1993 DISCOVERY TDi 'S' 5 DOOR finished in Savarin White with beige interior - 94 model, 12,400 miles, rear step, side runner, tow pack, twin sun hatches, Land Rover pre-owned ... £20,495

K316 GKV 1993 DISCOVERY 2.0 MPI 'S' 5 DOOR finished in Foxfire Red with beige trim - 16,000 miles, freestyle choice, air conditioning, rear step, roof rack, twin sun hatches, Land Rover pre-owned ... £19,995

L566 TWK 1994 DISCOVERY 3.9 V8i 'S' 5 DOOR finished in Aegean blue with blue interior - 990 miles, 94 model, freestyle choice, roof rack, tow pack, twin sun hatches, Land Rover pre-owned ... £21,995

L262 VAC 1994 DISCOVERY TDi 'S' 5 DOOR finished in Black - 2,000 miles, Land Rover pre-owned, twin sun hatches, tow pack ... £20,995

K843 YHP 1993 DISCOVERY TDI 'S' 5 DOOR finished in Corralin Red - twin sun hatches, towpack, Land Rover pre-owned, 17,000 miles ... £19,995

K739 GAC 1993 DISCOVERY V8i AUTO 3.5 finished in Foxfire Red with beige trim - 15,000 miles, twin sun hatches, tow pack, roof rack, nudge bar, Hella 200 spot lamps, front fog lamps, side runners, rear step, wheel arch moulding kit, rear lamp guards ... £20,995

K643 YHP 1993 DISCOVERY TDi 'S' 5 DOOR finished in Corallin Red - 17,000 miles, twin sun hatches, tow pack Land Rover pre-owned ... £19,995

DEFENDER

L857 PAC 1993 DEFENDER 110 2.5 TDi CSW finished in Country Red - 5,400 miles, 93 model, radio/cassette, tow pack (adj.) Land Rover pre-owned ... £15,295+VAT

K812 YHP 1993 DEFENDER 110 2.5 TDi CSW finished in Contry Green, 17,000 miles, 93 model, Land Rover pre-owned ... £15,750 +VAT

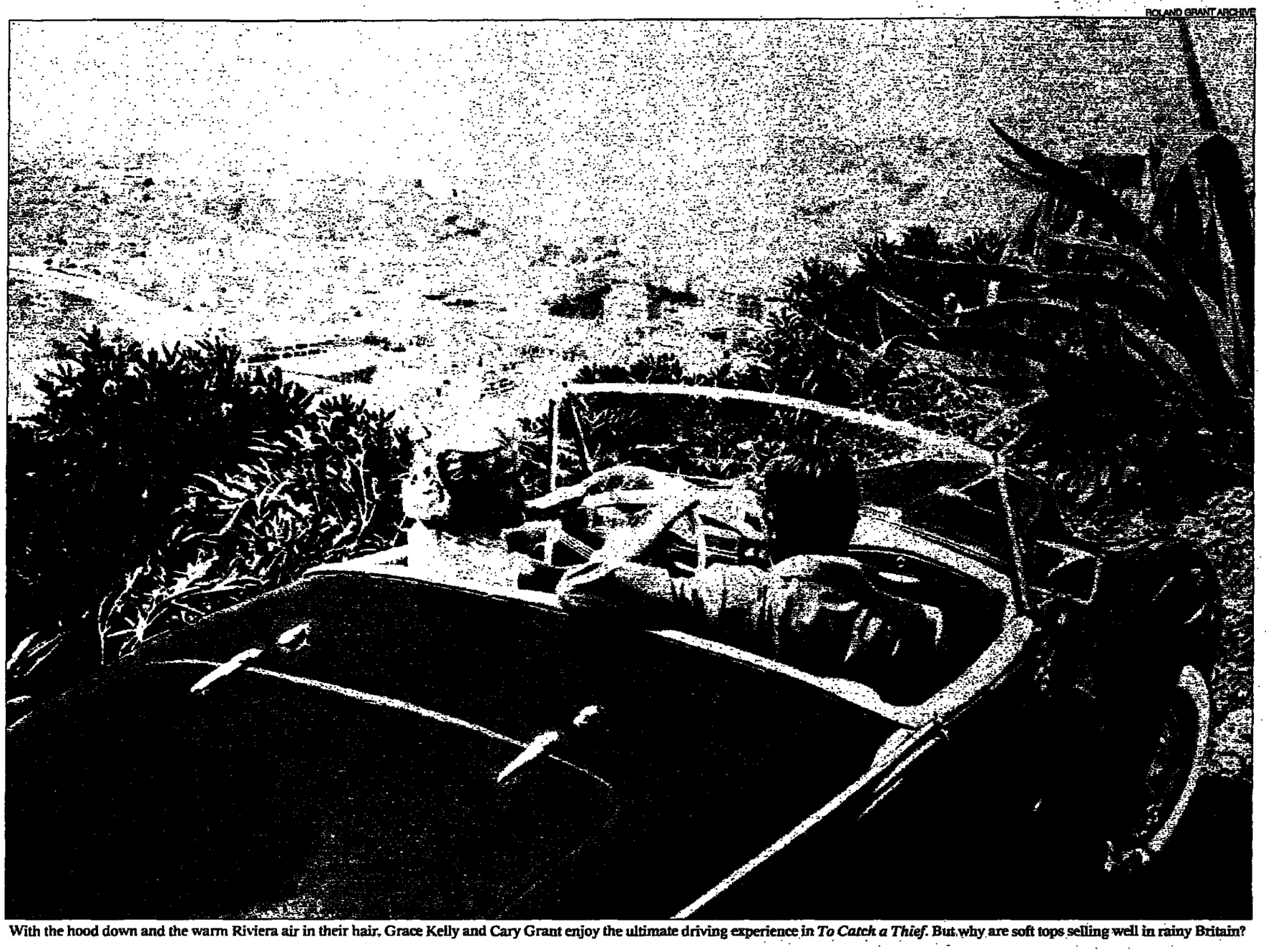
F47 PJN 1989 DEFENDER 110 CSW 2.5 TURBO DSL finished in White - one owner, 32,000 miles, 12 seats, tow pack, roof rack ... £10,495+VAT

CHELMSFORD LAND-ROVER Assured **Tel: (0245) 287007**

هكذا من الأصل

Converts and their convertibles

The British weather may not be conducive to owning a soft top but, as Kevin Eason finds, they are more popular than ever



ROLAND GRANT ARCHIVE

With the hood down and the warm Riviera air in their hair, Grace Kelly and Cary Grant enjoy the ultimate driving experience in *To Catch a Thief*. But why are soft tops selling well in rainy Britain?

This is real motoring, the carefree wind-in-the-hair stuff that the magazines rave about. A cute little red car with the soft top rolled down ready for the fun to start — and the driver wrapped in thermal underwear, two sweaters and a raincoat, huddled under an umbrella for shelter from the driving rain.

Why do the British buy convertibles? You would think that trying to foist a car open to the elements on British buyers would be like selling snow to eskimos. Even if it is not raining, it is so perishingly cold at any speed above walking pace. And when the weather finally does turn tropical, the driver has to leap out and whip back the canvas like a demented jack-in-the-box before the sun disappears. Then he or she sits back to enjoy the fresh-air experience and gets the full blast of a cloud of diesel smoke belching from the back of a number 72 bus.

You could put these opinions down to a bad experience suffered by a motoring correspondent unable to join the dashing, young set swanking around town in their convertibles. And you would be right. My week with a Volkswagen Golf Cabriolet was like camping: everything had to be done under canvas thanks to storm-force winds, torrential rain and temperatures so low I could have kept yoghurt fresh in the rear seat.

> Every time the top came down so did the rain, until I gave up

Every time the top came down, so did the rain until, drenched and shivering, I gave up and went back to my trusty Citroën diesel.

A convertible is a strange choice but one which is growing, against all the trends. While the recession has hammered new-car sales, soft tops have been steadily leaving the showrooms, their owners apparently untroubled by economic adversity. Nearly 16,500 convertibles were sold in the UK last year, 1 per cent of the market and about double the share of ten years ago. They range from the tiny £12,000 Mini Cabriolet up to the Rolls-Royce Corniche IV — £166,680 worth of gloriously conspicuous consumption.

So who are these creatures willing to brave the British elements in order to look like a trendy Riviera cruiser? Apparently, many of them are Brummies. This is one of those strange facts to silence dinner parties: number-crunchers at Vauxhall discovered that more compact convertibles — cars the size of Escorts and Astras — are bought in Birmingham than anywhere else.

Brummies bought 916, one in seven of all compact soft tops sold in the UK last year. Even Essex, home of the best-selling Ford Escort Cabriolet, could muster only 539 in that category. North London, with trendy Islington and Hampstead and Highgate in its boundaries, accounted for 693 and west London, where you would think that the bright, young things of Chelsea and Sloane Square would be queuing up, managed only 563. The Scots didn't buy enough to get on to the graph.

Vauxhall is as confused as anyone at the figures, says Arthur Fairley, the company's product affairs spokesman. "We cannot work out why the concentration in Birmingham is so great, but the profile of a convertible driver is very strong and they are out in force at this time of year."

According to Vauxhall, 72 per cent of convertibles are bought privately; 66 per cent by women; the average buyer's age is 38 and they come from a home with an income of between £30,000 and £40,000 a year; 72 per cent are married; 80 per cent have academic qualifications; and their favourite hobby is gardening followed by keep fit, golf, music, tennis and reading.

No mention of ownership of heavy overcoats to keep the cold at bay, but no matter. The soft top buyer is probably planning a trip to the showroom even now: March and April are the two top sales months, apart from the new registration rush in August.

This year, potential buyers have an enormous range to choose from — there are around 30 models, mostly based on current saloons or hatchbacks, not counting two-seater sports cars, such as Morgans or Aston Martins.

Prices are not always too high either, with many manufacturers launching a range of budget models. Car makers have also overcome some of the problems that have beset soft tops in the past.

Theft was always a worry because it is so easy to slash through a roof to get into the car. The latest Astra 1.6i has a perimeter alarm system: in other words, the alarm is sensitive to any tampering with doors or windows while a microwave sensor detects movement inside the car, even with the hood down.

Then there were the broken finger nails left behind by owners who had fought and lost the struggle to get the top down. Manufacturers such as Volkswagon have thought long about that, and in the Golf the top is easily released by two handles and then folds back. When up, it seals tightly and there were no signs of leaks during my road test — with plenty of opportunity to take on water in the heavy rainstorms.

Keen drivers have always been put off soft tops because the loss of a solid, stabilising roof often left the car shaking like a jelly. "Scuttle shake", as the syndrome is known, has largely been eliminated in the Golf by the addition of a tough roll-bar, which not only keeps the body steady but also acts as a strong anchor point for seat belts and can even take a roof rack.

And those clever designers have even found a way to keep the wind off the back of your neck with a windbreak that fits neatly behind the front seats.

All well and good. Now if they can only stop the rain...

PICK OF THE SOFT TOPS



Vauxhall Astra Convertible: economic engine

☐ **Rover Mini Cabriolet:** £11,995. The Mini in yet another guise, still going strong after 35 years. Smallest of the soft tops but four-seats and cute looks. Rover's trusty 1.3i engine gives enough performance for a 90mph top speed and 40 miles to the gallon. Veteran technology but relatively cheap fun car.

☐ **Volkswagen Golf Cabriolet:** £14,998 to £17,659. Two doors and four seats but not much room. Climbing over the front seats into rear is a challenge for contortionists, boot tiny but performance lively and German quality evident. Cheaper model is 1.8-litre with gusto for 107mph and 38mpg.

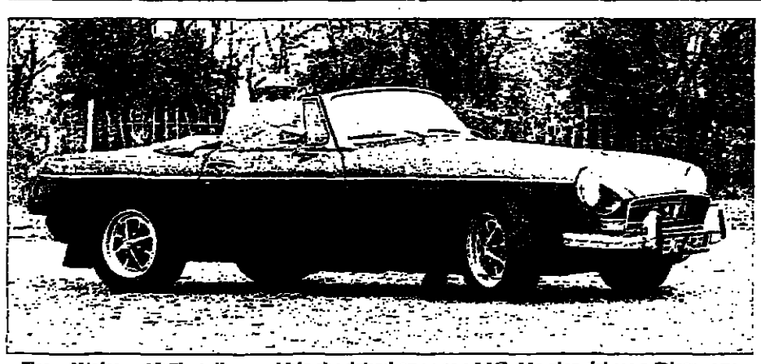
☐ **Vauxhall Astra Convertible:** £13,495 to £16,255. Four seats, biggest boot in class and new 1.6-litre economy engine which offers potential 50mpg. Impressive standard features, including alarm/immobiliser, power steering and airbag. Top speed of 1.6i is 106mph.

☐ **Ford Escort Cabriolet:** £13,950 to £15,995. Britain's favourite soft top, driven by the Princess of Wales and Essex girls alike. Better looking than the hatchback sister-model from which it comes and with the usual Ford virtues. Engines are latest 1.8i which pass 1996 pollution laws and offer 116mph top speed and 35mpg.

☐ **BMW 3-series convertible:** £28,000. Pricey compact BMW but the one to make the mouth water. BMW good looks and build quality coupled with all the charisma you can muster and dashing performance. The driver's choice with 200 brake horse power, 2.5-litre engine good for 140mph.

☐ **Mercedes SL:** £53,200 to £96,400. Two-door, two-seater German favourite that asks a high price but offers highest quality in return. Unrivalled safety package but thin on extras. Engines range from 140mph 2.8-litre to the huge 6-litre which gets to 155mph but no further thanks to a speed limiter.

☐ **Aston Martin Volante Convertible:** £147,862. More muscles than Arnold Schwarzenegger but wrapped in gorgeous wood and leather luxury unequalled except by Rolls-Royce. Serious money buys serious performance. 155mph top speed and 0 to 60mph in just 6.5 seconds.



Terry Waite — 6ft 7in tall — and his cherished open-top MG. He also drives a Discovery

STEERING COLUMN

Terry Waite

Terry Waite, the former special envoy to the Archbishop of Canterbury, is a noted car buff. When he was taken hostage in January 1987 his family put his beloved MG sports car into storage. When he was freed in November 1991 he loaned it to the MG Owners' Club. This Easter it will be on tour raising money for charity.

How did you learn to drive?

With an instructor in hilly Bristol. I passed first time. Must have been my hill start.

What was your first car?

A second-hand Ford Anglia, which was like a redundant greenhouse with its huge back window. When it exceeded 45mph it shuddered horribly. I didn't keep it long enough to find out why.

What do you drive now? Why?

A Discovery or an open-top MG — because I can wear my hat. At 6ft 7in tall this is an important consideration. I wear a hat because, as most body heat is lost through the top of the head. I don't have to turn on the heating and risk getting drowsy.

Do you enjoy driving?

Not much. Too much traffic.

What is your dream car?

A non-polluting, hydrogen-propelled, rust-proof, British-made, self-cleaning vehicle.

Which is your most hated car?

American ones. They are a confidence trick. You look at these huge brutes and think "Great, luxury". But I find my knees stuck under my chin.

What infuriates you most about other drivers?

Central-laners, who force me to overtake in the fast lane.

What is the most unusual thing you have done in a car?

Meet John McCarthy while I was blindfolded in a sack in a car boot in the middle of Lebanon. We talked to each other, but John said: "Sssh. They will hear us." I managed to get my hands out of the sack and tap coded messages.

If you were transport minister, what would you do first?

Revive the railways, bring back the tram, and take freight off the roads. Failing that, I would resign.

ANDREW PIERCE

Top driver prize

The search is on to find the best of Britain's company car users

WHEN a top salesman ploughs his car into a ditch by driving too fast he could be off work for weeks, his car off the road for repairs costing thousands of pounds, and the company embroiled in paperwork for insurance claims.

This is why The Times is looking for the best company car driver to prove that the safest drivers are usually the best.

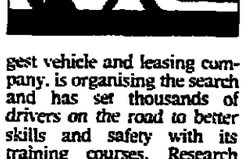
The Times, in association with Lease Plan, is asking fleet managers to nominate three drivers from their company for the title "Company Car Driver of the Year". Drivers could be doctors, surveyors, sales reps, architects — anyone using a car for work.

The nominees will take part in regional heats in Leeds, Birmingham, Cardiff or Ascot during May and June, with the best going through to the final on July 2 at the Silverstone, in Northamptonshire, home of the British Formula One Grand Prix.

The Times/Lease Plan Company Car Driver of the Year, and his/her fleet manager, will win a weekend at the Portuguese Grand Prix on September 23, and a magnum of champagne. All other finalists will win trophies.

Lease Plan, Europe's biggest vehicle and leasing company, is organising the search and has set thousands of drivers on the road to better skills and safety with its training courses. Research carried out in the industry shows that companies can cut accidents by up to two thirds, through drivers being made more aware.

THE TIMES Lease Plan COMPANY CAR DRIVER 1994



● **To enter the competition,** drivers must be in teams of three and be authorised by a senior executive. No entries will be taken from individual drivers. All the company executive in charge have to do is to fill in the coupon (right) and return it by April 23. The only stipulations are that drivers should be aged over 24 (for insurance reasons) and have a clean driving licence.

THE TIMES

in association with

Lease Plan

Company Car Driver of the Year

I wish to enter the company drivers named below for the title *The Times* / Lease Plan Company Car Driver of the Year

NAME AND TITLE OF EXECUTIVE responsible for the company car fleet:

.....

NAMES of nominated drivers:

1 .....

2 .....

3 .....

COMPANY .....

ADDRESS .....

.....

..... POSTCODE .....

PHONE No .....

Preferred regional testing centre:

1st choice: .....

2nd choice: .....

Please complete this entry form and send it to:

***The Times* / Lease Plan Company Car Driver of the Year, Leedex Cornerstone, 52 Broadwick Street, London W1V 1FF**

Entries must be received by Saturday, April 23 1994

Neglected borders are easily rejuvenated by carefully edging and replanting, says **George Plumptre**, The Times Gardener

Beds at the cutting edge

My gardening, like that of many people with limited time, involves long periods of planning and frustratingly short periods of activity. But for every gardener Easter should be a project weekend: in my case it is finishing off rejuvenating our main border, which I have been planning to do since last year.

The border is backed by a 6ft brick wall and, facing southeast, gets plenty of sun. Last year a surfeit of ground-elder had to be dug out, and large groups of daylilies had gone so long without being divided that they were a mass of leaf and no flower. As well as lifting and splitting them in March, I replanted only a proportion and put them in two groups at the back of the border. I await the summer in hope of a flowering bonanza.

Given the border's limited width — roughly 4ft 6in — large groups of *Acanthus mollis* posed a problem. With its lush green foliage and statuesque purple and white flowers which grow to more than 3ft in late-summer it is an impressive plant, but suitable for a border far larger than ours, where it has swamped everything around it. So, reluctantly, I have removed all but a small group retained hard against the brick wall.

The biggest improvement, however, will be the new edge that I am giving to the lawn along the front of the border, which until now has had an uneven line and no distinction between grass and earth. The lack of an edge meant, too, that earth from the border was constantly spilling out over the grass, looking untidy and making it impossible to mow neatly.

My father is a skilful lawn-edger of many years' experience and the lawns at Goodnestone, his garden in Kent, testify to his patient work over the years. His advice on making a new edge along a border front is not to be frightened of taking away enough lawn to get back to where the turf is really firm. At the same time, he says, this enables you to make the definite channel between lawn and border that ensures a clean line can be maintained. Given that I wanted to widen the border anyway, the need to cut away a quantity of lawn to straighten the edge was ideal.





HUGH PALMER

George Plumptre sets the new line for a lawn, watched by daughter Hermione. Right, the job done

The two essential tools are a D-shaped edging iron (those with Teflon blades cost £9-£15, stainless steel blades which last longer cost more) and some garden string to set up a straight line to trim back to. Do not try to make a new edge by eye because, however good your eyesight, it will never be true; and do not use a spade, because the metal is too thick and the curved blade produces an uneven line.

I cleaned out a wide channel along the existing lawn edge, digging down an inch or two before running out the line between wooden pegs driven into the ground. Any large amounts of excess turf I removed with the spade, leaving a good width along the line for cutting straight with the edging iron.

The lawn's edge can slope lightly outwards from top to bottom, which will help carry the weight of a mower, but it is important to avoid undercutting which will weaken the edge.

In the border itself there is one further change: I have always admired the use of wooden frames or trellis columns supporting climbers to give height to a border. The effect produced is different to climbers or wall plants trained upwards at the back of a border in that it provides body and a focal point rather than simply a backdrop.

A tree peony roughly as tall as the wall behind gives height in one place; and so I have planned a frame of climbers to balance this and give vertical structure at the other end of the border. The framework is a simple pyramid of wooden poles sunk in the ground and joined with wire at the top which is the height of the wall behind.

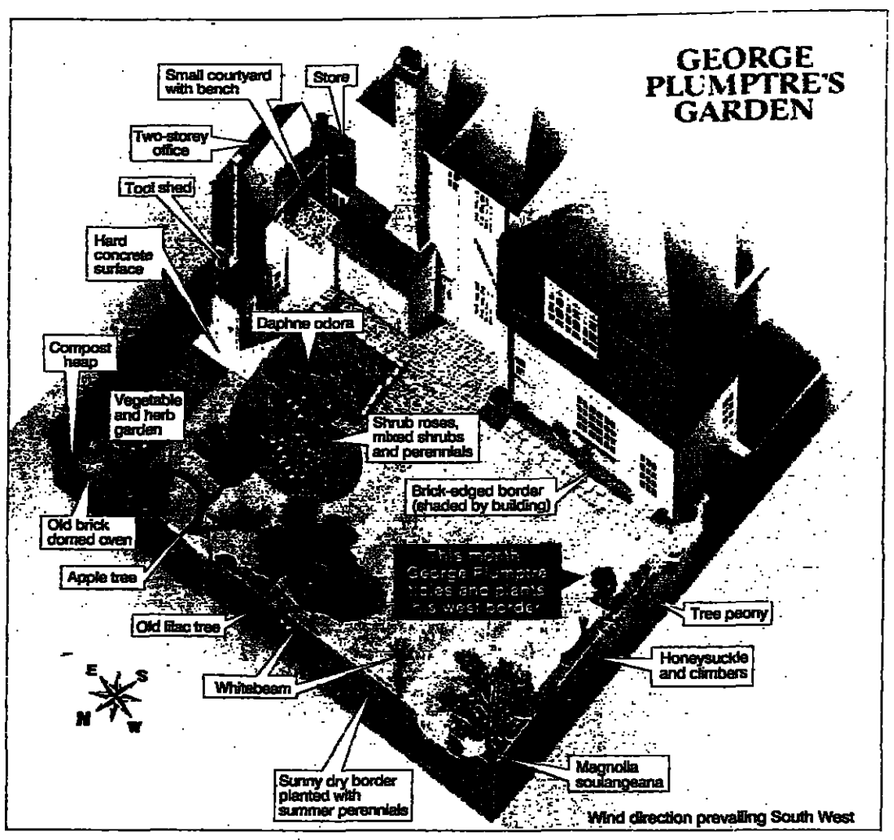
I have planted two clematis and a honeysuckle, one at the foot of each post. *Clematis macropetela* is one of my favourites, with delicate divided leaves and producing bell-shaped blue flowers in May and June; C. "Duchess of Albany", is a *C. texensis* hybrid with pinnate leaves and pale mauve bell-shaped flowers in late summer. *Lonicera tragophylla* is a vigorous variety with striking bluish-green leaves and yellow flowers in July and August.

The *C. macropetela* does not require pruning while the "Duchess of Albany" will need to be pruned down to two pairs of buds in the spring.

The *L. tragophylla* is an experiment, for the accepted advice about this variety with yellow flowers is that it does best in shade. But I have seen it thriving in a sunny position and its foliage will make a fine background for the two clematis.

● *Lengths of trellis and wooden poles are available from most garden centres/nurseries. One I go to has trellis in 6ft lengths, ranging from 6ft x 1ft to 6ft square. For a column in a border, 6ft x 1ft or 6ft x 2ft is probably best, at about £5 and £7.50 respectively for the two sizes. Trellis should come ready treated, but this needs renewing after two years with a light coat of Cuprinol in early spring; do not use creosote. The same nursery has 8ft chestnut poles at 35p per ft.*

Gardens to visit, page 23



WEEKEND TIPS

● *Prune back artemisias to neat, domed shapes. Varieties grown especially for silvery foliage, such as A. absinthium "Lambrook Silver", can be pruned hard.*

● *In mild areas, sow French bean seeds under cloches for an early crop. In other areas, sow outdoors mid to late-April.*

● *Take cuttings of delphiniums (when they are 3-4in high) before the new shoots become hollow; leave a bit of old root on the bottom.*

● *Begin sowing "Bolthardy" and other globe beetroot varieties. Lighten heavy ground by digging in rotted manure, compost or leaf-mould, as tender roots are best produced in light ground.*



GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON replies to readers' letters

Some weeks ago I recommended the hanging of nets of human hair in the garden where deer are known to enter as a means of deterring them. Many readers wrote to agree that it works, however much like an old wives' tale it sounds. But it seems that it is only successful where deer enter through a narrow corridor; in open situations they find a new way in.

One reader recommends nylon stockings as more discreet hair containers than fruit nets, and proof against small birds taking the hair as nesting material. Another recommends lion dung (available from West Midlands Safari Park, Bewdley, near Kidderminster) to repel deer, while another says it does not work. Perhaps his particular deer are very brave.

Yet another reader swears by rings of moth balls hung at snout height where the deer enter. (Some people claim that moth balls will evict moles from a favourite run.)

Q What can I do to get rid of toadstools in my lawn? — J.S. Robinson, New Romney, Kent.

A You need first to determine what fungus you are dealing with. Quite often, fungi in a garden which has been newly made or re-landscaped are a sign that there is dead wood under the surface of the lawn. It may be an old root, or even something left over from the construction of the house. Dig out the wood — which is the food source — and the problem will go away.

Other fungi, such as fairy rings, live on the turf itself, spreading outwards in an everincreasing circle. There is a fairy ring big enough to park a couple of cars inside on one of my lawns, and I am told by a mycologist that it is probably about 100 years old. It is one of those rings which makes itself known by producing a ring of extra-bright green turf, and because of its age I am reluctant to destroy it.

In winter, when the grass is weakest, it shows more. In summer, if the lawn is well enough fed to be emerald itself, the ring goes almost unnoticed. It could be controlled (6oz iron sulphate dissolved in half a gallon of water per square yard, applied to a well-soaked lawn) but I feel the use of chemicals is not necessary. I quite like my ring.

Some other kinds of fairy rings leave a wake of dead turf to mark their passage, and this looks unattractive in a lawn. It is no easy job to remove them, so consider what you are taking on: the turf must be removed to at least a foot deep either side of the rings, and the soil below sterilised chemically. It takes time and looks a mess. The bare soil will later need topping up with fresh soil and reseeding or returfing. The old turf must be burnt or taken to the local tip to avoid infection.

Remember, small brown patches surrounded by bright green grass are also made when a bitch relieves herself on the lawn. For this, the usual verbal controls apply.

Q I have a five-year-old red thorn tree (*Crataegus oxyacantha* "Paul's Scarlet") about 6ft high. Last year it had no flowers and the trunk showed signs of canker. Could this be the cause? I have fed it generously with Tomorite, and this year it is well budded. — A.F. Rousell, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

A It is more likely that the flower buds were eaten by bullfinches. Canker ought not to stop the tree flowering and, indeed, stressed trees often flower all the harder.

Be careful with feeding. Thorns will survive in the poorest conditions and do not need a rich diet. If you feed them with a high-nitrogen fertiliser they may make a lot of soft, leafy growth which encourages canker, and no flowering wood. (Tomorite, being a high potash fertiliser, would encourage flowering rather than leafy growth.)

Did you give the tree a big mulch of rich manure the year before it failed to flower? If so, that could explain it. Flowering thorns and cherries often take a few years to flower if they are planted into an over-rich soil; the first flower buds, which were on the tree when you bought it, will open in the first spring, and then the tree will settle down and consume all that rich food — and grow, grow, grow.

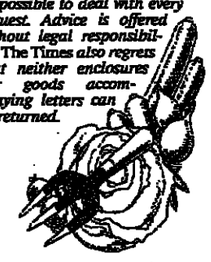
Q Last autumn I dug in some plants with their labels tied on. Five months later the wording has vanished. Can you recommend a genuinely permanent marker for plastic plant labels? — P.R. Rodgers, Durham.

A Even the best spirit-based markers fade in time. The greater the exposure to sunlight, the faster the marking fades, so try pushing the labels well into the soil.

I use an HB pencil: it may not be so easy to read but it will still be legible after several years. The final answer, if you need to be sure of a name, is to keep a notebook.

Engraved aluminium labels are fine but expensive; anodised aluminium labels, on which you write with a sharp pencil, are not easy to re-use. Black-and-white laminated plastic labels are efficient but look institutional.

● *Readers wishing to have their gardening problems answered should write to: Garden Answers, Weekend, The Times, 1 Pennington St, London E1 9XN. We regret that few personal answers can be given and point out that it may not be possible to deal with every request. Advice is offered without legal responsibility. The Times also regrets that neither enclosures nor goods accompanying letters can be returned.*



THE TIMES
READER OFFER

ELEGANT JARDINIERES FOR STUNNING FLORAL DISPLAYS

From only £21.95

Add a blaze of colour to your patio, pathways and garden with our delightful range of Jardinieres and Three-tier Basket Fountains.

The Low Jardiniere stands approximately 24" high whilst the Tall Jardiniere is 36" high. The basket diameter on each is 14". For a truly stunning display, the Three Tier Basket Fountain stands 43" high with baskets that measure 14", 18" and 22" in diameter. The baskets in all models are 8" deep.

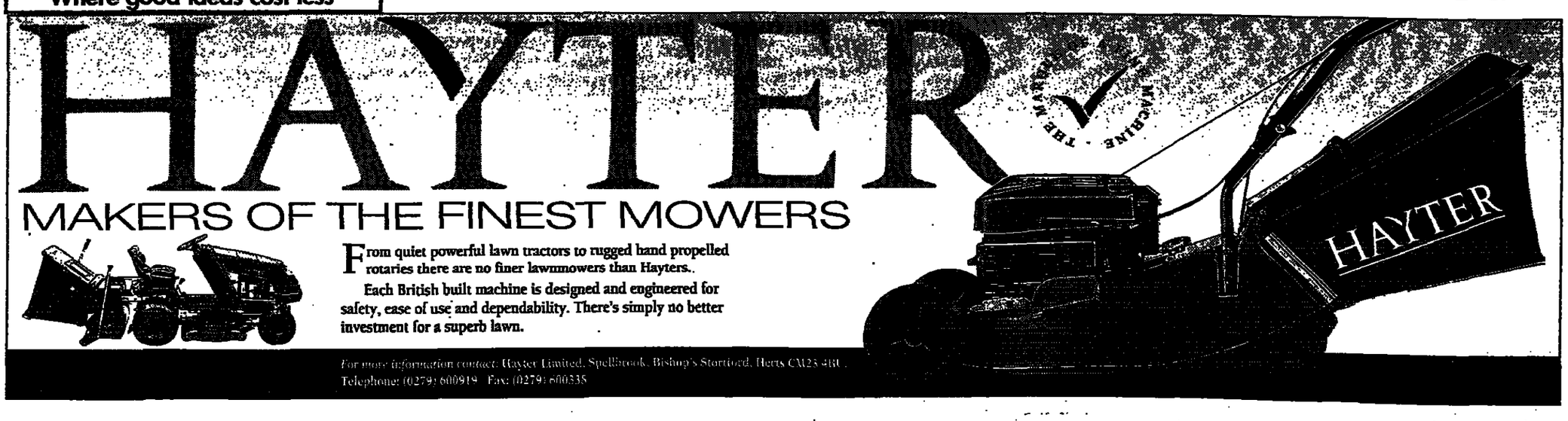
The sturdy wrought iron work is specially coated with an extremely tough black thermoplastic coating which not only enhances the appearance but ensures a hard wearing maintenance-free long life. These high quality planters are also ideal for placing indoors or in a conservatory to add colourful displays all year round.

Beautifully elegant yet sturdy, these victorian planters are not generally found in the shops and are available to you at very special prices - £21.95 for the Low Jardiniere, £23.95 for the Tall Jardiniere and £39.95 for the Three Tier design. There is only one p&p charge of £2.95 no matter how many you order.

HOW TO ORDER
Cranleigh (0483) 268888 for enquiries. Send completed coupon with crossed cheque/postal orders. NO CASH please to: THE TIMES JARDINIERES OFFER, J.E.M. HOUSE, LITTLEMEAD, CRANLEIGH, SURREY GU6 8ND.
We deliver to addresses in the UK only. *Orders are normally processed within 48 hours and despatched within 7 days. Please allow 21/28 days for delivery. Money back guarantee on goods returned in good condition within 14 days.

Please send me: ___ LOW JARDINIERE(S) @ £21.95
___ TALL JARDINIERE(S) @ £23.95
___ THREE TIER JARDINIERE(S) @ £39.95
Please add £2.95 p&p per order
I enclose a crossed cheque (address on the back) made payable to: THE TIMES JARDINIERES OFFER or please debit my Access/Visa account with the sum of £ _____
My card No. is _____ Delete as appropriate
Expiry date _____
Mr/Mrs/Miss: _____ INITIALS _____ PLEASE PRINT
Address: _____
Postcode: _____ Signature: _____
Send to: THE TIMES JARDINIERES OFFER J.E.M. House, Littlemead, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 8ND.
☐ Please tick box if you do not wish to receive further offers from The Times or companies approved by them. TIM/0318

SAINSBURY'S HOMEBASE
HOUSE AND GARDEN CENTRES
Where good ideas cost less



هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

TO ADVERTISE CALL: 071 481 1982

HOMES & GARDENS

FAX: 071 481 9313

Simon Bullard STONEMASON

WORRIED ABOUT STATUE THEFT?

Established method of security fixing for garden statues & ornaments. As used by us for Cliveden Conservation, conservators to The National Trust. Expert restoration if necessary. All aspects of stone work.

SIMON BULLARD STONEMASON Tel: 0780 52989 23 years experience

DOLPHIN StairLifts

- STRAIGHT & CURVED STAIRLIFTS
- UNWANTED STAIRLIFTS PURCHASED



NATIONWIDE & EUROPE (0202) 880468

NETS! NETS! NETS!

ALUMINIUM FRUIT CAGES



Garden Nets, RunnerBean Supports Tennis & Cricket Nets.

KINGSMILE NETS Dept TT EAST RD BRIDPORT DORSET DT6 3RD Tel: 0308 424342



£425

Phone 24 page colour catalogue. Superb Danish Garden furniture

Tel: 0345 626684

TRIP TRAP UK, PO BOX 128 TELFORD TF1 1BH. FAX: 0939 221066

Agriframes

FRUIT CAGES



FREE BROCHURE & NET SAMPLES

Agriframes Ltd., Brochure 3078 Charlwoods Rd, East Grinstead, Sussex RH19 2HG. Ring 0342 328644 (24 hours)

NEW & RECONDITIONED STAIRLIFTS

24 HR SALES - SERVICE - REPAIR

GOOD PRICES PAID FOR USED STAIRLIFTS

AIRE VALLEY SERVICES LTD 0535 656427

We will mow half an acre of your grass in 15 minutes!



Let us prove to you in your own garden, that this superbly engineered triple mower will run rings around any garden tractor! Three power driven precision built cylinders accurately follow ground contours, cutting grass closely, cleanly and evenly giving your lawn a truly professional finish. Powered by a four-stroke Kawasaki engine, the National's wide track and low centre of gravity means safe mowing, even on the steepest slopes. A full 66" width of cut saves you time and fuel! The Allen Nanorid is a quality built, rugged machine, its functional no nonsense design makes maintenance easier and faster, cutting your costs as well as your grass.

Available at only £3995 +VAT

If you would like us to prove our claim, return the coupon today for immediate action or for priority treatment. Telephone 0235 813936, anytime.

ALLEN

To Allen Power Equipment Ltd, The Broadway, Didcot, Oxon OX11 8ES. Please send me details of your National 66 Triple Mower, and the name of my nearest stockist.

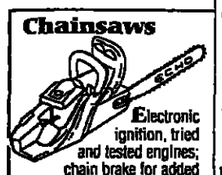
Name_____

Address_____

Tel. No._____

☐ Tick box if demonstration required TT

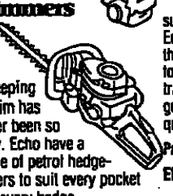
Chainsaws



Electronic ignition, tried and tested engines; chain brake for added safety and anti-vibration mounts for extra operator comfort, the features that make Echo chainsaws the choice for cutting the work down to size.

Prices from under £300 inc VAT

Hedge Trimmers

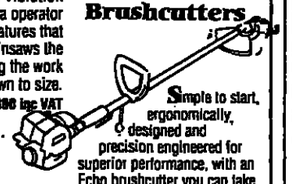


Keeping in trim has never been so easy. Echo have a range of petrol hedge-cutters to suit every pocket and every hedge.

Prices from under £300

The Cutting Edge

Brushcutters



Simple to start, ergonomically designed and precision engineered for superior performance, with an Echo brushcutter you can take the hard work out of clearing tough under-growth on trimming round the garden and get the job done in the quickest possible time.

Prices from under £300 inc VAT

ELECTRIC START AVAIABLE

FOR PRIORITY TREATMENT

AN ASSURANCE OF QUALITY

TEL: (0235) 813936

ECHO

A DIVISION OF ALLEN POWER EQUIPMENT LIMITED

The Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 8ES

To Echo GB. The Broadway, Didcot, Oxon OX11 8ES
Please send me details of your hedgecutters and the name of my nearest stockest. I am interested in:
☐ Brushcutters ☐ Chainsaws ☐ Hedge trimmers

Name .....

Address .....

Tel No: .....

SWIMMING POOLS SPECIAL PACKAGE

Fully installed prices include Heating, Floating Cover, Light, Steps, Pump, Filter and VAT.
CONCRETE 25'x14' £13,595
LINER 28'x14' £9,852
SWIM TRAINER 16'x8' £12,577
With Counter Current Swim Unit
HYDRO THERAPY POOL 20'x10' £10,327

FREE ESTIMATES AND TELEPHONE QUOTES

LINWOOD TURNER Tel: 0602 605290 Fax: 0602 626639

SPASH

COLONIAL SHADE



LARGE GARDEN UMBRELLAS & HARDWOOD FURNITURE

Colour brochure from ORYX TRADING LTD 28 Bramcroft Road, London SW15 6AB. Tel: 071-938 2045 Fax: 071-937 9087

THE ENDLESS POOL

Keep Fit by Swimming Indoors at Home



- A unique pool, measuring only 18ft x 8ft
- Fits easily into a small space, with little building work.
- Swim for as long as you like, as far as you like.
- Counter current, swimming allows you unlimited swimming in a small space.
- Adjust the current speed to your individual requirements.
- Running costs under £10 per week.

For further information contact:

ENDLESS POOLS

Tel: 0420 561266 Fax: 0420 561277

New FROM THE MAKERS OF THE FAMOUS NORFOLK GREENHOUSES

FRAMELESS RIGID uPVC CLOCHE

4 ft LONG x 18" WIDE x 11" HIGH

PROTECTS 6 SQ.FT. OF GROWING SPACE

7 day despatch from receipt of order.



BOTH END PIECES HAVE MOULDED AIR VENTS

ONLY £8.95 inc P&P

2 for £13.95
3 for £21.95
Use individually or put together as a tunnel

Use year, after year, after year. Strong, rigid ultra violet stabilised PVC - Shatterproof protection for young plants. Supplied with galvanised ground anchor pegs. Light and easily portable.

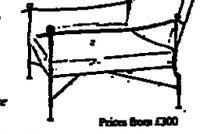
BUY DIRECT FROM THE MANUFACTURER
Send cheques/P.O's/Access/VISA to: Norfolk Greenhouses Ltd., PO Box 22, (Dept 14H) Watton, Norfolk IP25 6PA

Access/Visa Card Holders **0638 510568**

CALLERS: Chiseck Avenue, Mildenhall, Suffolk. 10-4pm weekdays. Brandon Garden Centre, Station Road, Nr.RAF Harlaxton Beds (7 days)

THE HEVENINGHAM COLLECTION

A collection of elegant hand-crafted wrought iron furniture for both interior and exterior use.



Chelsea Flower Show, Stand SR17

Full colour brochure available from:

Prices from £300

THE HEVENINGHAM COLLECTION
Peacock Cottage, Church Hill, Nether Wallop, Hampshire SO20 8EY
Telephone/Fax: 0264 781124

CHANGE THE FACE OF YOUR KITCHEN

THE LOW COST WAY!

For a Fraction of the normal cost

CHOOSE FROM NATURAL SOLID WOODS TO HIGH QUALITY TEXTURED FABRICS • HUGE RANGE OF DESIGNS AND COLOURS



SEND FOR OUR FREE COLOUR BROCHURE

IT'S AMAZING WHAT KITCHEN MAGIC CAN DO!

Is your kitchen old, worn out or just plain boring? By retaining the existing cabinets, we totally and professionally refurbish every aspect of each kitchen – replacing doors, drawer fronts and worktops. We enlarge or change the shape by adding new units and top named appliances. There is no compromise on quality, choice or design but huge benefits in time and outlay. From design to installation we think you'll be amazed at what Kitchen Magic can do for you.

PHONE OUR BROCHURE REQUEST LINE 021 622 6633 – 24 HOUR SERVICE

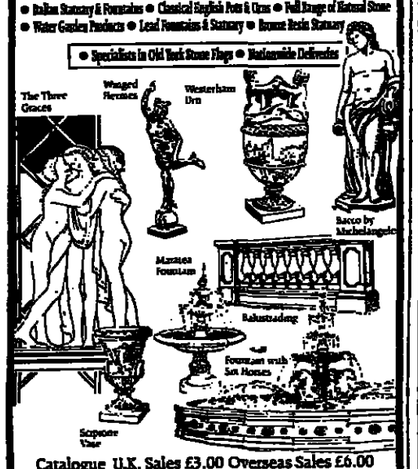
Kitchen Magic — *Established Over A Decade* KITCHEN MAGIC, Monaco House, Bristol Street, Birmingham B5 7AU

Please send me Kitchen Magic's FREE Colour Brochure.
Name Mr/Mrs/Ms_____
Address_____
Post Code_____
Daytime Tel._____ Evening Tel._____
Post to: Kitchen Magic, Freepost BM4819, Birmingham B1 1BR. T4

The Emporium of Garden Commodities

- Italian Statuary & Fountains
- Classical English Pots & Urns
- Full Range of Natural Stone
- Water Garden Products
- Lead Fountains & Statuary
- Bronze Resin Statuary

• Specialists in Old York Stone Flags • Nationwide Deliveries



Catalogue U.K. Sales £3.00 Overseas Sales £6.00

Norfolk Garden Supplies

54B YARMOUTH ROAD, THORPE, NORWICH NR7 0HE
TEL (0603) 33000 FAX (0603) 700003

100% ORGANIC MANURE



"Now is the time to condition the soil"

Composted • Heat Treated • Concentrated

Very economical, one 15kg (33lb) bag for up to 250sq. yards.

AVAILABLE AT MOST GARDEN CENTRES FOR £5.99 WHY PAY MORE!

OR TELEPHONE 0458 272202 FOR BROCHURE

THE TIMES HOMES AND GARDENS

GARDENING APPEARS IN THE WEEKEND TIMES SECTION EVERY SATURDAY

TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SUCCESSFUL SECTION CONTACT

KATIE LAY ON 071 481 1982.

The Easy Way To Visit Gardens & Houses featured in Magazines and Newspapers - with refunds for N.T. Members. A great variety of choice for 4th season of

GARDEN DAY TOURS

Every Wed and Thurs. £44.00 per Day. Bookings/Brochures.

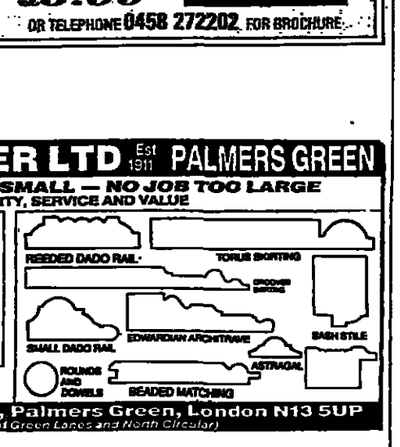
Tel: 071 431 2798 and 0962 713985.

T. W. PARKER LTD Est 1911 **PALMERS GREEN**

NO ORDER TOO SMALL — NO JOB TOO LARGE

QUALITY, SERVICE AND VALUE

Specialists for:
High Quality Wood Mouldings in hard and soft wood
MOULDING PATTERNS made to special order
TIMBER MERCHANTS
★ Softwoods ★ Hardwoods
★ Chipboard ★ Ply
★ Blockboard ★ Plasterboard
★ Spindles, etc
FREE LOCAL DELIVERY
Open six days a week

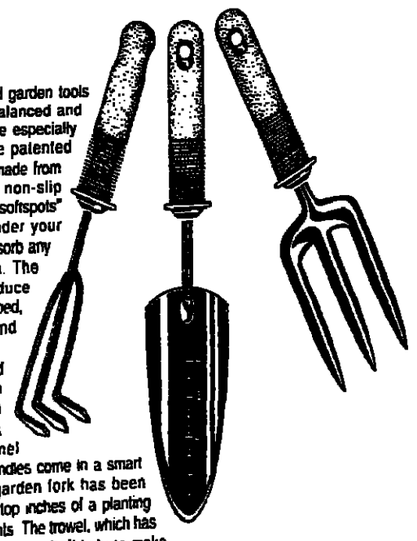


081-888 3477/8/9 or 081-888 2273

90-118 Green Lanes, Palmers Green, London N13 5UP
(Junction of Green Lanes and North Circular)

THE TIMES READER OFFER

SET OF GOOD GRIPS GARDEN TOOLS



These American-designed garden tools are good quality, well-balanced and most importantly, they are especially comfortable to use. The patented Good Grips handles are made from a specially developed, non-slip rubber-like material with "softspots" which flex and bend under your thumb and fingers and absorb any pressure put upon them. The handles also help reduce friction and being oval shaped, fit the palm of your hand more naturally.

The set of three hand tools are all made from heavy gauge steel with an attractive yet tough, dark green baked-on enamel finish. The Good Grips handles come in a smart terracotta colour. The garden fork has been designed to turn over the top inches of a planting bed or thin established plants. The trowel, which has half inch markings engraved on the blade to make bulb and seed planting easier, is also perfect for digging and transplanting. The cultivator with strong, wide prongs can be used to break up and aerate the soil surface and loosen weeds.

These practical tools will be an invaluable asset to any gardener and will also make a perfect gift for a gardening enthusiast. They are available for just £19.95 inc p&p for the set.

HOW TO ORDER

Grantagh (0483) 268868 for enquiries. Send completed coupon with crossed cheque postal orders. NO CASH please to THE TIMES GARDEN TOOLS OFFER, J.E.M. HOUSE LITTLEMEAD, CRANLEIGH, SURREY GU6 8ND

We deliver to addresses in the UK only. Orders are normally processed within 48 hours and despatched within 7 days. Please allow 21-28 days for delivery. Money back guarantee on goods returned in good condition within 14 days.

Please send me:
__ SET(S) OF GOOD GRIPS GARDEN TOOLS @ £19.95 inc p&p
I enclose a crossed cheque (address on the back) made payable to: THE TIMES GARDEN TOOLS OFFER or please debit my Access/Visa account with the sum of £_____
Delete as appropriate
My card No is
Expiry date
Mr/Mrs/Miss PLEASE PRINT
Address
Postcode Signature
Send to: THE TIMES GARDEN TOOLS OFFER J.E.M. House Littlemead Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 8ND
☐ Please tick box if you do not wish to receive further offers from The Times or companies promoted by them. TH0004



I've discovered Snapper

"If you're a busy gardener like me, you'll value the quality, reliability and performance of Snapper Garden Machinery. See for yourself. Send now for your FREE brochure and details of your local Snapper dealer, where you'll discover the difference too!"

Ann Swithenbank

- Snapper Hi-Vac - powerful and efficient collection
- Versatile - collect, side discharge or mulch
- Matched accessories - for year-round lawncare
- Snapper reliability - season to season, year after year
- 2 year warranty - protects your investment

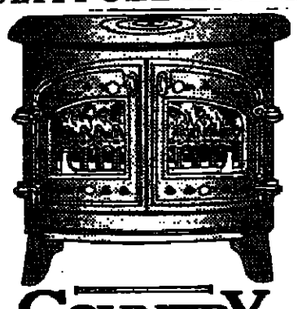
SNAPPER. LAWNRIDER RIDER MOWERS AND TRACTORS & MORE

Snapper (UK), Hamble Court, Verdun Avenue, Hamble, Southampton SO3 5HX. Tel: 0703 456504

Flat Tops **THE BEST BUY IN TOWN**

Come and see it working

MULTI FUEL HEATING STOVE



Gives you all the warmth of cottage comfort and all the economies of modern design

COUNTRY WARMTH

South East Only
SANDGATE NR FOLKSTONE
Tel: 0303 240300
Fax: 0303 240303

Spring SALE



Was £33.95 +P&P each

Now only **£19.95** each +P&P* When you buy 2

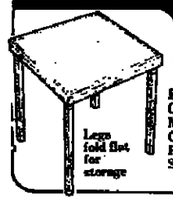
Dalewood Guarantee of Satisfaction
Order with confidence. Our "Wimbledon" Chairs come with our full 12 month 'no quibble' money-back guarantee of satisfaction. Your statutory rights remain unaffected.

The most versatile, popular and most loved easy chair is now available for a limited period at an amazing Sale Price. The classic 'WIMBLEDON' Chair with Dark Green and White stripes on the canvas seat and back, set to perfection by the seasoned solid wood frame in an attractive Dark Green stain finish.

It's the perfect chair for any home, in the lounge, patio, bedroom or any recreation area. It's extremely comfortable and folds away flat for easy storage.

COLOUR: Seat and Back, Dark Green and White Stripe. Frame, Dark Green stained finish.
MEASUREMENTS Height 34½", Width 23", Depth 15½", Seat Height 17".
SALE PRICES:
SAVE £10: 1 chair WAS £33.95 plus p&p. NOW ONLY £23.95 plus £2.95 p&p and ins.
SAVE £28: 2 chairs WERE £67.90 plus p&p. NOW ONLY £39.90 plus £4.90 p&p and ins.
Dalewood Furniture, 53 Dale Street, P.O. Box 239, Manchester M59 1LH.
● Goods are normally despatched within 10 days from receipt of order.
● Orders from Ireland are welcome.

— SPECIAL OFFER —



SAVE £20
Was £59.95 +p&p
Now only £39.95 +p&p

Legs fold flat for storage

Folding Card/Games Table
Crafted from seasoned solid wood with a Mahogany finish and covered in an attractive Green Baize. Suitable for card and board games. Price now only £39.95 plus £3.95 p&p and ins. Size Table height 26¾". Table top 30" square.

PHONE YOUR ORDER NOW with Access, Visa, Delta or Switch
061-236 4488
Please quote Dept. P4050 with your order.
Order lines are open 8am-9pm. 7 days a week.

* PERSONAL CALLERS MAY ORDER DIRECT FROM THE ADDRESS BELOW. GOODS WILL THEN BE DESPATCHED POST FREE (10am-4pm Monday-Friday only).

Dalewood™

To: Dalewood Furniture, 53 Dale Street, P.O. Box 239, Manchester M59 1LH. Dept. P4050

Please send me the Chair/s as indicated below.
1 Chair @ only £26.90 inc. p&p & ins.t.
Or 2 Chairs @ only £44.80 inc p&p and ins.t

Item	Qty	Order No.	Price inc. p&p & ins	Total
One Chair		PJ 629 80	£26.90	
Two Chairs		PJ 629 80	£44.80	
Card Table		PJ 510 60	£42.90	
			Grand Total	£

I enclose cheque/P.O. for £_____ made payable to Dalewood Furniture. Or debit my Access, Visa, Delta or Switch

Card No._____
Expiry Date_____
Signature_____
Mr/Mrs/Miss_____
Address_____
Postcode_____
Daytime Tel. No for Customer Services_____

Further offers, which may be of interest, may be sent to you by other carefully selected companies. Dalewood Furniture — A Division of Langley House Ltd Reg. in England No. 2129643

HOTELS: From the exotic to the enormous, **Robin Young** selects the nation's top beds

The ten best bedrooms in Britain

What makes the perfect hotel bedroom? An inordinate attention to detail, usually, coupled with a lot of imagination, a flair for decor, faultless taste and a frighteningly large sum of money.

There is, of course, no formula. Formulas provide standardised comforts, and accommodation which, while adequate, is liable to prove almost equally unmemorable.

In looking for the top ten bedrooms in Britain, then, I found that the chain hotels quickly disqualified themselves. By definition they were offering repeatable experiences. If they had one room that could get into the top ten then they probably had a dozen, so none could be admitted without sinking the ship.

Nor could I hope to please everyone, which is what chain hoteliers usually have to do all the time. Certain people with catholic taste and an explorer's enthusiasm for hotel-hopping might be delighted by all those I finally selected for *The Times*'s top ten. More probably, most will love some and loathe others.

It is a risk that hoteliers have had to take when designing their rooms, and I could do no less than join them in sticking my neck out to choose the best.

To be a home from home, worthy though the objective sounds, is simply not enough. Hotels should be everything that homes usually are not. Spotlessly clean and immaculately tidy for a start, totally convenient, and welcoming to every set of new occupants.

I set a standard of excellence to which I believe all the chosen rooms and hotels aspire, and added the requirement that the chosen room should be in some way supreme, whether because it is so distinctive, so original, so romantic, so seamlessly satisfactory, so shamelessly decadent, or so delightfully frivolous. Each is unique, though it would be true to say (if such ungrammatical phrases were ever permitted in *The Times*) that some are more unique than others.



The Sloane Hotel's Gold Silk Room: split-level suite with French Empire four-poster

Doubtless I have missed something. Readers are invited to write in and tell us their personal favourites, and why. The writers of the two best nomination letters will each win a night for two at a top hotel (see box below). A Readers' Top Ten might prove to have an entirely different composition to the selection I now present: *The Times*'s Top Ten Bedrooms in Britain (in no particular order).

The Oliver Messel Suite, The Dorchester Hotel
Park Lane, London, W1 (071-629 8888). £850 plus VAT a night until May 1, then £1,000 plus VAT.
None of the other London palace hotels can match the Sultan of Brunei's Dorchester for money-no-object sumptuousness, and the Oliver Messel suite, which was the first purpose-built luxury hotel suite in the capital, still sets the standard for all the rest. Originally completed in 1953, it has recently been painstakingly restored, with the heavy, soft ribbed yellow silk bedroom hangings specially recreated in India. The suite has a large sitting room, one double and one single bedroom and two bathrooms. There is a balcony all around the outside wide enough to take garden furniture and tubs for climbing plants that cover the trellis work. Noël Coward, a friend of Messel's, called the suite's use of Italian gilt, mirrors, lattice-work, gold-plate fittings, shell motifs and ballet designs "somewhat excessive *luxe*" and remarked: "All this is terribly exotic, but it is not me. Still, I shall try to rise above it." Could anybody nowadays be so impertinent?

The Round Bed Room, Portobello Hotel
22 Stanley Gardens, London, W11 (071-727 2777). £180 a night including breakfast and VAT.
The most famously idiosyncratic bedroom in London, No 16 at the Portobello, the capital's senior townhouse hotel, is known for its custom-built round bed ("ordered in the 1970s because we thought we had to be weird and wonderful", says Johnny Ekperigin, co-owner of the hotel) and the free-standing Victorian bathing machine in which Alice Cooper fed his python on white mice supplied by room service. Francis Ford Coppola was in residence at the time of writing and Tina Turner liked it so much she stayed for months and eventually bought the house next door. Other features of the room are hand-painted gold wallpaper, old Chinese furniture and a muslin-draped Moroccan lamp.

The Lady Gretton Room, Stapleford Park
Stapleford, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire (0572 84522). £210 a night including VAT and continental breakfast.
Bob and Wendy Peyton's recreation of a Victorian gentleman's hunting lodge had several of its "signature" bedrooms in contention (those by Lindka Cierach and David Hicks particularly) but Peyton himself is in no doubt that the people he describes as "professional country-house hotel goers" vie for Lady Gretton (named after the previous occupant of the house) every time. The room, with dark-green dragged panelled walls, dark green damask curtains, high ceilings and window seats, was designed by Annie Charlton. A corner room on the first floor, Lady Gretton has views over the lake on one side and the park on the other. The bathroom, in squashed raspberry pink, is small, but big enough for a really deep bath. "People fought so hard to get into Lady Gretton that the only way to settle it was to put up the price," Peyton says cheerfully.

The Gold Silk Room, The Sloane Hotel
29 Draycott Place, London, SW3 (071-581 5757). £190 a night excluding VAT.
Sue Rogers' 12-roomed hotel is a former youth hostel, and the Gold Silk Room is a split-level suite created when the staircase was moved from the back of the building to the centre, liberating the former half-landing to serve as a sitting area. Japanned black and gold furniture and gold curtains complement the silk hangings on the reproduction French Empire four-poster bed in the lower half of the room. Like everything else in the hotel, the bed can be bought (price: £17,000). Sue Rogers does not like being described as a designer: "I had no training and I just throw things together", but everyone, it seems, loves her style, and one customer recently went back to America with a house-full of cushions, tables and mirrors, chosen from her various rooms. Identical replacements are always available.

Room No 75, Croquet Lawn Room, Chewton Glen Hotel
New Milton, Hampshire (0425 275341). £280 per night including service and tax.
Chewton Glen is the English country house hotel that has successfully grown into an American-style leisure and country club complex. It is so professionally run by its owners, Martin and Brigitte Skan, that standards have actually risen as it has grown and grown. The supersized rooms overlooking the croquet lawn have views to the glen and the golf course, and No 75 is the best because, being on the first floor and at the end of the building, it has an extra window, a larger balcony, and a lighter aspect than its neighbours. Martin Skan insists on deep 6-ft baths (Duker), power-showers (Hans Grohe), well-lit magnifying mirrors, double hand-basins, separate dressing room, wall-mounted and concealed trouser-press, best quality beds (Relyon), and thickest towelling bathrobes (Rappore). Mrs Skan lavishes love and attention on the decor, successfully creating in each individually decorated room a light and charming air of welcoming friendliness.

The Penthouse Suite, 42 The Calls
Leeds, Yorkshire (0532 440099). £185 a night including VAT and service.
The Penthouse is the most luxurious bedroom at Jonathan Wix's 41-room grain mill conversion beside the river Aire in Leeds city centre, though others are just as distinctive: one is entirely black with a Miró-design bedspread. In The Penthouse you get a prodigious crop of original roof timbers, and overlook Tetley's Brewery Wharf visitor centre. "The Penthouse is twice the price of any other rooms," says Mr Wix, "but then it is three times the size. In the past I have built two-bedroom flats that were smaller." The hotel walls have more than 600 original pictures — oils, watercolours, pen and ink sketches, and drawings bought from Leeds graduate sales and Bonhams' "new generation" auctions; and guests can have room service from Brasserie 44, a restaurant which the hotel runs in association with Michael Gill of Pool Court.



The Pasha Suite at Blakes: based on a turn-of-the-century Turkish *gulet*, a traditional wooden sailing boat

The Pasha Suite, Blakes Hotel
33 Roland Gardens, London, SW7 (071-370 6701). £295 a night including service and tax.
Blakes' owner, Lady Weinberg (the designer Anouska Hempel), agrees that this dream-boat apartment, based on the interior of a turn-of-the-century Turkish *gulet*, is the most different and most popular in her famously theatrical hotel. The canopied bed has Berber poles, twisted drapes and hangings, and the table is sunken so that guests sit on the floor, as they would afloat. The blinds come up from the floor (as also on some boats) and the cupboards conceal everything modern — stereo, cd-player, fax machine, and so on. "There is a terrific sense of movement, romance and travelling," Lady Weinberg says. "Guests love it, they keep popping in to get ideas for decor of their own." Most people who have seen it are swoony about the romance of the Pasha experience, though one fastidious gentleman noted: "I sometimes wonder how anything so elaborately ornate and badly lit can be kept entirely clean."





Manoir aux Quat' Saisons: gorgeous grounds (left), even better bedroom (right)

The Lady Astor Suite Cliveden
Taplow, near Maidenhead, Berkshire (0628 66856l). £580 a night including service and VAT.
Lady Astor has just had a facelift. Indeed final snagging on the newly refurbished room was underway as this was being written. The huge bedroom, 25 feet by 32 feet, adjoins a huge private terrace and has the most magnificent views down the spectacular parterre, Cliveden's huge formal garden, to a wide stretch of the Thames below and the hills beyond — a distance of perhaps 15 miles. Though Cliveden was stripped when sold, the present owners have contrived to gather paintings and furniture that recreate a 1920s style bedroom, almost as though Lady Astor were still living here.

The Octagonal Four-Poster Room, Franklin Hotel
28 Egerton Gardens, London, SW3 (071-584 5533). £210 a night excluding VAT.
The octagon was created by taking windows out of two corners, the entrance lobby out of another and the bathroom out of the fourth. Full-length French windows open on to a balcony where guests can sit out in fine weather. The Franklin's guests are apt to include the head of genteel fashion houses such as Cartier, Hermès, Gucci, and Dior, old money, and private bankers — which must say something about its style in pretty surroundings.

The Dovecote, Manoir aux Quat' Saisons
Great Milton, Oxfordshire (0844 278881). £325 a night including service and VAT
Essentially a bridal suite, and the only hotel bedroom in England to have been installed in a 17th-century dovecote, this lovebirds' nest is tiny compared to some the grander rooms featured here, because chef-proprietor Raymond Blanc could not get planning permission for any extension to the original building. The deliciously over-the-top peach and white decor, beautiful staircase, and cunning system of mirrors to catch rays of light make it a gem of studied intimacy, and the sheets on the bed are genuine Victorian linen and lace, hand-laundered in the hotel.

WOULD you recommend other hotel bedrooms? Write, with brief description and reasons, to: Best Bedrooms, Weekend Travel, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. Writers of the two best nomination letters will each win a night for two at either Stapleford Park or the Portobello Hotel.

FREE Ask for your complimentary copy of THE BIG BLUE BOOK - the travel magazine that's essential reading for worldwide travellers seeking value. It tells you where to stay and how to get there. Phone 071 962 9966 for a free copy.

THE BIG VALUE FLIGHT GUIDE

Buy Flights. By Phone.

All advertisers in this section are fully bonded members of ABTA and offer exceptional value for money.

DIAL A FLIGHT — 071-334-0995 / 061-962-9799
VIVAIR FLIGHTS — 081-781-1440
US & CARIBBEAN — 071-962-9393
FlyAway — 081-395-5000 / 061-969-4446
FARE DEALS — 0304-241466
Connexions — 081 401 6666
FLYING START — 071-962-9930 / 061-905-3433
Seat Sales — 081-667-9469
T-R-A-D-I-N-G P-L-A-C-E-S — 071-962-9028
Great Escapes — 081-395-5550
The Late Traveller — 081-686-0460 / 061-905-3392
BIGGLES — 081-401-6670
DIRECT LINE FLIGHTS — WHEREVER YOU WANT TO GO. WE GO. — 081•401•6000
Options — 081•666•0505
INTERNATIONAL FLYER — 081-395-5577
WHICH FLIGHT? — 071-237-5450
WORLD TRAVEL SERVICE — 081-781-1780
FLIGHT S-O-L-U-T-I-O-N-S — 071-232-1864
I SUPERTRAVEL — 071-334-7789

THE FLIGHT ASSOCIATION — FULLY BONDED ABTA AGENTS

GOING TO FRANCE?
Superb deals on travel and hotels.
Phone now for our new brochure.
0242 240 310
0242 240 333

هكذا من الأصل

NORTHERN IRELAND: Despite the images of violence, the province has much to offer its visitors

REX FEATURES



The Giant's Causeway, co. Antrim: the stunning coastline of Northern Ireland is a world away from the Troubles and a match for anything in more popular tourist areas of the South, yet has few visitors

Stepping back to the past

This could be a story of seepage, spillage and shrinkage. Isn't that the way travellers' tales of Ireland are so often told, through whimsy?

But, that approach is not appropriate here, for we are dealing with a serious matter: how can the Northern Ireland Tourist Board (NITB) ever hope to attract visitors to a land renowned across the world for bombs, bullets and life-threatening breakfasts?

So the fun must wait until we have explored this little local difficulty. The first unsurprising fact: Northern Ireland is not one of Europe's most favoured destinations for holiday-makers.

Last year, there were 1.2 million visitors to the North, a record high for the 15th year in succession. Of these, just 251,000 were for holidays, but again the figure is increasing. However, it is no cause for celebration — tourism accounts for only 2 per cent of the province's Gross Domestic Product compared with about 6 per cent in the Republic and 5 per cent in mainland Britain.

Confronted by such statistics, even the indefatigable NITB has been forced to look for help. So it has hired public relations companies in London and Dublin to generate some interest.

Is that not like one dog hiring another to bark? "I thought so at first," said Hugh O'Neill, chairman of the NITB. "But we weren't getting what we wanted internally. So it made sense to use consultants who know their own locations well. We are determined to do much better. For instance, for every ten Americans who come to Ireland, only one visits the North."

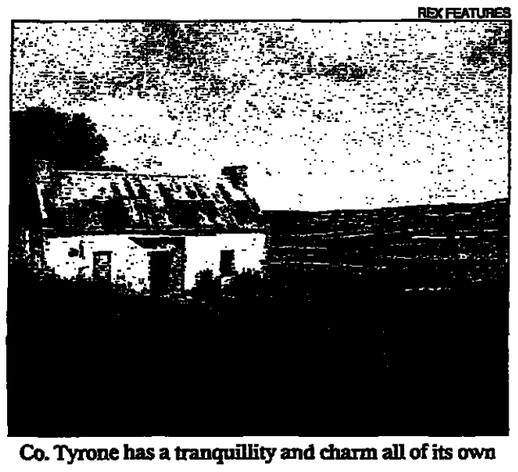
Of course, for every ten journalists who come to Ireland, nine end up on the northern side of the border. But our special trip, organised by the NITB's London PR advisers, was unusual as press trips go. We were to soak up the atmosphere of a country which — as I discovered on a Government tour of Belfast last year — is desperate to allay the fears of those who believe it is a no-go area. Amid bloody conflict, we were taught, there is tranquillity.

There is another underlying message: the peace everyone only dares whisper about offers tourists a taste of (southern) Irish charm and hospitality and (northern) efficiency. And British roads.

We flew in to discover one disadvantage that even a lasting peace cannot solve for Ulster's expectant hoteliers. The weather is wilder and more unpredictable than any paramilitary, and it was fitting that we were greeted with a violent snow flurry. Una Carlin, our NITB host, said disarmingly: "You'll never believe this but the weather had been fine for days until just now. And I haven't even started lying yet."

It was dark when we arrived at a feast at Grassdrumman Lodge in Annalong, Co Down. I slept in a room called Slieve Binnian and woke to discover that same craggy peak overlooking the hotel where, in the words of the traditional melody, the mountains of Mourne sweep down to the sea. These hills are not alive with the sound of gunfire. They are a gentle range of some 60 summits, most of them walkable.

REX FEATURES



Co. Tyrone has a tranquillity and charm all of its own

The previous week the intrepid Ms Carlin had led a party of visitors to the top of the highest, the 2,796ft Slieve Donard.

The Mournes are a reminder that the six counties are as blessed as their 26 Republican cousins. The mountains form the southern point of a triangle of scenic splendour, stretching up to the Antrim glens and coastline, across the Sperrins, to the watery wastes of Lough Erne in Fermanagh, and then back again along the border.

In the morning we drove around peaceful Carlingford Lough to Warrenpoint, according to Ms Carlin, "one of the prettiest seaside villages". I hardly noticed, summoning up instead the memory of August 27, 1979. On that day in Warrenpoint, 18 soldiers died in a bomb blast — the most fatalities suffered by the British Army in a single incident. It was also the day Lord Mountbatten was killed on the other side of the island.

However, the only signs today of the continuing conflict were the elaborately fortified police stations we passed in every town. Otherwise everything seemed relaxed. At the Tyrone crystal factory we watched glass blowers at work and then cut our own goblets. Not too deep, lest we make a hole and suffer from seepage.

In the afternoon we attended a St Patrick's Day parade through Armagh city. For two hours, in a stop-start procession, we watched the floats, endless crocodiles of freezing Brigitis (Irish Brownies) and improbably dressed majorettes waving pompoms and twirling batons. A pipe band from Donegal and an accordion band from Monaghan fought for the crowd's attention with rock musicians on the backs of lorries.

Near the front was Cardinal Daly in a small-scale Popemobile, sporting an orange, yes orange, biretta. Though the day is celebrated by both traditions — the latest politically correct way to describe the religious divide — this is essentially a Catholic and southern way of marking the day.

But for the first time there were Protestants in the parade, we were told, because of a unifying initiative called Armagh Together. Where were they? Under a huge snake, representing St Patrick's mythical act in ridding Ireland of snakes.

In the evening, after crossing by ferry from Strangford to the delightful town of Portaferry, we enjoyed pints of Guinness in Dummigans' bar and were addressed by a garrulous drunk who realised that we were journalists. Eventually his drink poured on to the floor. "Just a bit of spillage," he mumbled.

Next day found us gazing at a lump of rock at Downpatrick cathedral. Called St Patrick's Grave, everyone has the decency to admit he is unlikely to be buried underneath. Nearby, in the old jailhouse that now houses a museum, it became clear people are trying hard to build tourist attractions out of a heritage rich in the conflicts of the past that inform the present.

There have been 18 important new visitors' facilities opened in the past year in an attempt to complement the area's natural beauty — and to compete with the Republic's successful launching of historical interpretative centres.

A £300 million investment in tourism over the past five years in the Republic has been matched by the spending of £200 million in the much smaller North. Both tourist boards co-operate with joint desks in a number of countries, realising that the border is no bar to tourists.

But money cannot purchase that which makes Northern Ireland so distinctive for the British mainlander, a sense of stepping back a generation or so to a world without town centre precincts and chain stores. Here are towns with little shops offering personal service to local people.

In the main street of Moira, Co Down, we called in to McCartney's, the family butchers and award-winning sausage makers. Brothers George and Gordon sell two tons of their 31 varieties of sausages in summer, all made from secret recipes passed down from their grandfather. "It's all about getting the balance of ingredients right," George said. "Our sausages sit like wee soldiers in the pan. There's never any shrinkage."

They sell all their sausages across the counter, eschewing the possibility of making a killing as wholesalers. Their virtue, they say, is staying small, offering quality to people not yet subborned by the pre-packaged world of supermarkets.

On our last evening, after hearing Julian Lloyd Webber play Dvořák's cello concerto, Belfast's Ulster Hall was hushed for his encore. *Chanson sans parole* was supposed to be a solo, but an army helicopter overhead offered an impromptu accompaniment.

"Give us peace," said a woman on my left. And so says the Northern Ireland Tourist Board.

ROY GREENSLADE

● *Roy Greenslade was a guest of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board. Further information is available from the NITB at 11 Berkeley Street, London W1X 5AD (0800 282662/071-493 0601), or St Anne's Court, 59 North Street, Belfast BT1 1NB (0232 246609).*

● *British Airways (081-897 4000) flies to Belfast International (Aldergrove) from Heathrow and regional airports. The lead-in price from Heathrow to Aldergrove is £98 Fri-Sun and £88 for Thurs-Mon. Manx Airlines (071-493 0803) flies to Belfast City Heathrow and regional airports. Lead-in price from Heathrow to Belfast City is £88 (to include Sat night).*

● *Holidays can be arranged through Rainbow Holidays (0904 643355/450500), Stena Sealink (0233 647033), and B & I Line 051-236 8325).*

TRAVEL TIPS

☐ UGANDA is now welcoming tourists after an 18-year gap. Windsor Hotels has opened the Buhoma Gorilla Lodge, a small, luxury, tented camp in the gorilla-populated Bwindi Forest, and The Inn on the Nile, near Lake Victoria. Bookings through Unique Hotels (0453 835801).

☐ PEPSI Max Big One, the world's tallest (235ft high) and fastest (85mph) rollercoaster, is due to open at Blackpool Pleasure Beach (0253 341033) by the end of May.

☐ A RANGE of sophisticated homes to rent in six American states are offered by New England Country Homes (0328 856666). Selected for architectural interest, proximity to the ocean or a lake, prices include flights and car hire.

☐ GRANDSTAND tickets to the Formula 1 motor-racing Grand Prix in San Marino, Monaco, and other sporting events worldwide, can be booked through Airtrack (0895 810810), which will arrange flights and hotels.

☐ COTTAGES in Kerala in southern India are offered through Cape (081-943 4067). Prices start from £595, including flights into Trivandrum, until the end of June.

☐ IN GREECE, Easter Sunday is on the May 1. Most towns and villages celebrate with religious ceremonies and parades. To coincide with the festivities, Portland (071-388 5111) offers ten nights self-catering (the resort is allocated on arrival) on Crete for £159, departing from Gatwick airport on April 25.

☐ ABERCROMBIE & Kent (071-730 9600) offers four escorted walks in France (three to four hours walking daily) staying in auberges. From £848 for one week, fully inclusive.

☐ SEALS, bears and a glacier walk are on the itinerary of an Alaska fly/cruise with Royal Caribbean (0932 820210). Prices start from £1,199, including flights to Vancouver and full-board on the ship.

☐ AMERICAN Airlines (0345 789 789) has special offers on its new non-stop scheduled flights to Philadelphia, Nashville and Raleigh/Durham if you book before April 11.

SUSAN GROSSMAN

CORRECTION

The prices quoted for the Elounda Mare hotel in Crete last week were for a day and not a week. The prices for a twin room range from £81.41 (until May 14 and during Oct) to £146.54 *per day* in July and August, and for a villa from £138.40 to £252.37 per day.

GLASGOW'S COOL FOR CATS

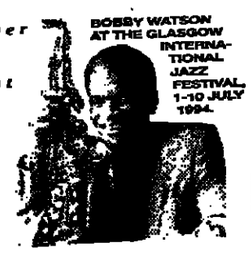


Hot cats. Cool cats. Sacred cats. And some of the finest Victorian architecture, museums and galleries – you'd need nine lives to see them all. Come for a Weekend Break to remember in one of the friendliest, most fascinating cities in Europe, at prices from just £30 per person.

LION ROOF TILE, CHINESE, 16TH-17TH CENTURY, AT THE WORLD RENOWNED BURRELL COLLECTION



JOOLS HOLLAND AT MAYFEST, BRITAIN'S SECOND BIGGEST ARTS FESTIVAL, 29 APRIL-21 MAY 1994



BOBBY WATSON AT THE GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL, 1-10 JULY 1994.

For a brochure full of ideas and special packages, PHONE NOW, FREE ON 0500 120 120 or fill in and return this ad, free, to:

greater GLASGOW WEEKEND BREAKS

FREEPOST GLASGOW G3 7BR.

Name Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ Address _____

GREATER GLASGOW TOURIST BOARD MAY MAKE THE ABOVE AVAILABLE TO OTHER REPUTABLE ORGANISATIONS. PLEASE INDICATE HERE SHOULD YOU NOT WISH YOUR DETAILS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE. ☐ T

Thankfully, learning to dive here no longer involves walking the plank.



THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

"Baskin in the Sun" is one of the most respected dive companies in the Caribbean. Their unique approach can have beginners enjoying spectacular reef and wreck dives in just a few days. Luckily, to reach these once pirate infested waters, you only need ask your travel agent about Baskin's dive packages or call the BVI Tourist Board on 071 240 4259. Ref. BA.

DISCOVER NATURE'S LITTLE SECRETS.

Cut The Cost Of A Five Star Stay In London.

Prices Start From £129 Per Night

All you have to do is confirm your reservation with us at least two weeks ahead of the date of your trip. It's the perfect way to reduce the cost of staying in London (without reducing your standards). Call our reservations department on 071 631 8000 or see your travel agent.

Price is based on an executive room and excludes VAT. Certain advanced purchase restrictions apply. All rates subject to availability. Full information is available on request.

The Regent London, 222 Marylebone Road, London NW1 6JQ.

the Regent LONDON

A FOUR SEASONS • REGENT HOTEL

A Spectacularly Different Five Star Hotel

LANZAROTE: Sun, scenery and distinctive local wines . . . what more could **Tony Patrick** wish for?

Land of vineyards and volcanoes

PHOTOGRAPHS BY PATRICK FRILET



The beautiful church in Femes is one of the island's finest. Situated high in the mountains near Yaiza, at the south end of the wine-producing area, it provides splendid views, especially at sunset

We had been tempted off the main road through Lanzarote's wine-producing La Geria district by the signs indicating "mirador" or viewpoint, and "venta de vinos", or wine for sale. Having been greeted vociferously by four large, tethered dogs we now followed a woman across the sloping courtyard of a fortified farmhouse which indeed commanded stunning views of this volcanic landscape.

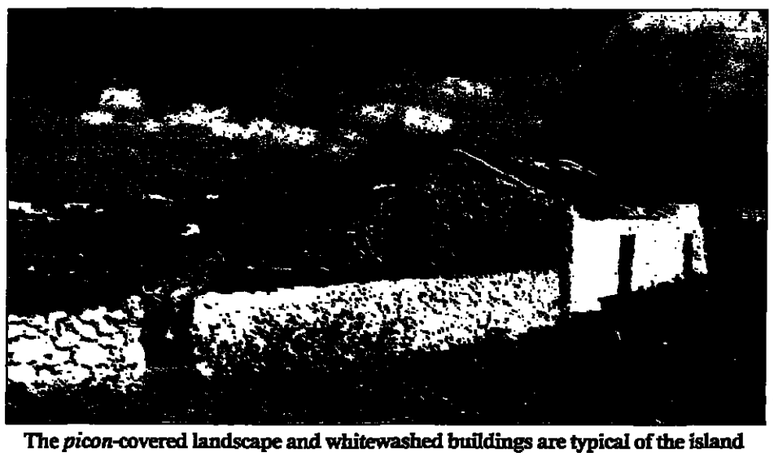
Shadowed by a small child and an even smaller mute dog, we were shepherded through an antique doorway and presented with small glasses of the local Malvasia white wine. The outlook here was cloudy and the wine, served in recycled bottles from one of the best local wine makers, was poor. Another unlabelled bottle, of sweet Moscatel, produced far better wine, but our genuine lack of any note smaller than 5,000 pesetas



(£25) brought this attempt to support local enterprise to a close. We had been lucky, for only a few hundred metres south or north there were better wines, at lower prices, though the views were slightly less good.

The Spanish authorities have declared a new "denomination of origin" (or D.O.C.) for Lanzarote's wines. This is in recognition not only of the distinct character of this Canary Island's wine, but of the ever greater efforts of local wine makers to improve them. There has never been a better time for the interested visitor to combine relaxation with a little light detective work, visiting *Bodegas* and wineries which, at their best, are producing uniquely elegant wines, invariably better kept and better value than those from local supermarkets.

That there is any wine-making at all on this wind-swept, sunbaked island, 700 miles southwest of the Spanish mainland and 60 miles off the Saharan coast of Africa, is thanks to a combination of human and geological activity. Malvasia (sometimes called Malmsey) vines were introduced here from Crete in the 15th century. In *The Merry Wives of Windsor* Shakespeare's innkeeper proposes to drink "Canary" with Falstaff, and there are other references to the wines in his work. However, in the 18th century, Lanzarote was virtually deconstructed, being transformed by a series of volcanic eruptions affecting more than a third of its surface. Where not inundated with lava, the earth was thickly covered with *picon*, volcanic ash. This is now the key to successful cultivation on an island without any natural ground water. Circular depressions called *zocos* are dug, two metres across and one metre deep. At the bottom a single vine is planted and then the entire surface of the field is covered to a depth of six or more inches with black *picon*. A low wall of lava rocks is built around two-thirds of the *zoco* on the windward side. The porous *picon* condenses the night-time dew and protects the roots from dehydration; the low position and wall gives the vine necessary shade at this near-equatorial latitude. Once you realise the ingenious reasons for the monotone regularity of Lanzarote's vineyards, they suddenly no longer look like so many *couturier*-designed slag heaps.



The *picon*-covered landscape and whitewashed buildings are typical of the island

Since this method of viticulture rules out mechanisation in any conventional way, labour costs are high. One local wine maker estimates that every kilogram of grapes harvested for wine costs 95 pesetas (47p), but on the Spanish mainland this cost would be an average of 25 pesetas (12½p). Local supermarkets offer mainland wines from 70p a litre, while island wines are at least 400 pesetas (£2) for a 75cl bottle.

Consequently, the unlikelihood of ever seeing the wines on the shelves of British wine merchants, where New Zealand and Australian wines can be had for £2-£3, and Lanzarote's products would realistically have to be priced at £6-plus, is another reason to seek them out while you are on the island. La Geria lies between the towns of Uga in the south and Masdache in the north, easily reached by car from the largest resort, Puerto del Carmén, in about 20 minutes. Organised excursions visit the area, but not always the best wineries.

The two best of these, El Grifo and Mozaga, offer a contrast in approach which produces very different but equally appealing wines. **El Grifo** (Telephone 80 05 86; open Mon-Fri 9am-6pm) has been the property of the same family since the late 18th century. The original *bodega*, the oldest on the island, is being converted into a museum of local wine making, displaying antique equipment.

The present wine maker, José Ignacio Valdera, believes in selling his Malvasia dry and semi-dry wines young. He uses stainless steel tanks and low temperature fermentation (below 18C), and bottles the wine within two or three months to produce pale, straw-coloured wine with a very modern character. These two wines make up 60 per cent of his annual output of more than 600,000 bottles and sell for between 400 and 500 pesetas at the *bodega*.

If your tour bus stops at Bodegas Barreto in Masdache, you could slip away the couple of hundred metres to the north and try the El Grifo. Apart from the dry and semi-dry white, there are rosé, sweet Malvasía, red, Moscatel, and now a *brut nature* sparkling wine, which is just coming on the market.

A little further north, just off the roundabout which is adorned with César Manrique's sculpture *Il Campesino*, and which marks the centre of the island, is **Bodegas Mozaga** (Telephone 52 04 85; open Mon-Fri 8.30am-6pm) where the wine maker is Angelis Matallana. Her wines (250,000 bottles a year altogether) have no contact with stainless steel, beginning in glass-fibre tanks and graduating to wooden casks. Hers is the only Lanzarote red wine to undergo this "crianza", or ageing. All the wines sold here are at least two years old; and a later harvest, about a month after El Grifo's, which begins in July, creates wine with greater body and higher sugar levels. Matallana's view is that her wines are more authentically Lanzaroteño in style; drinkers may conclude that her wines and Valdera's are different but equally impressive. Mozaga's dry white Malvasía has a richer colour than El Grifo's grassy tone. It costs 425 pesetas at the *bodega*. There are also semi-dry white, rosé, red and sweet wines, but Moscatel is no longer made.

☐ Other wines worth looking out for, in descending order of recommendation:

Viña La Era: on sale at the restaurant of the same name in Yaiza (83 00 16; daily 1pm-4pm; 7pm-11pm), which is itself highly recommended.

Bodegas Suarez: on the road from Uga to La Geria. Open daily, 9am-6pm.

Bodegas Barreto: Masdache (52 08 75; open daily 9am-7pm). Try to get the dry white Il Campesino of 1990 and always make sure that it is well chilled.

Marques de Herrera: (52 08 10; open Mon-Fri 8am-3pm and 4pm-6pm; Sat 8am-midday). An agricultural/industrial complex on the road between Masdache and Teguise.

Bodegas Guardilama: near Suarez (51 07 43; Mon-Sat 8am-7pm; Sun 8am-4pm).

PASSPORT TO FRANCE

THE PICK of Paris's prettiest hotels, the good châteaux guide to the Loire, and the 20 best rural restaurants in France . . . Starting next Friday, three 16-page weekly supplements on the pleasures of France are introduced by Theodore Zeldin

ENJOY THE RELAXING LIFESTYLE OF A MEDITERRANEAN RESORT HOTEL

Sat 2 April 9.00am - 2.00pm
Mon 4 April 9.30am - 4.00pm

Imagine a comfortable beachside hotel in a corner of the Mediterranean. With everything you need for a rejuvenating holiday lifestyle. Sail, windsurf and waterski or simply stretch out on the beach. Play tennis or sip a drink at the waterfront bar. Enjoy leisurely meals on a terrace restaurant.

That's exactly what our resort hotels offer. And because everything's included in the price, from watersports tuition to meal time wines, you can enjoy yourself to the full without a second thought. (We'll even look after your children.) Call for our brochure today and start relaxing about your summer holiday.



RESERVATIONS:
071 938 1851
24 HR BROCHURE LINE 071 938 1255
OFFICE OPENING TIMES: 9 - 6PM SAT 9 - 2.00PM

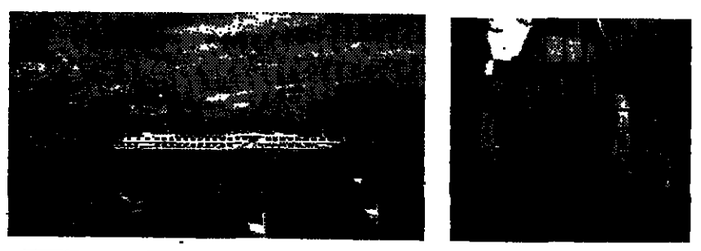
Mark Warner

CORSICA SARDINIA ITALY GREECE

ATOL 1176 ABTA 26990

THE TIMES

TRAVEL OFFER



The Lure of the Lorelei

A 10 Day Swan Hellenic Rhine-Mosel Cruise
2-11 May 1994 11-20 May 1994 29 June - 8 July 1994

The Times, in association with Swan Hellenic, offers you a delightful journey along the magnificent Rhine and picturesque Mosel valley - a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beauty and romance of Europe's heartlands, see the Mosel's famed wine villages and explore the imperial cities and medieval towns gracing the banks of the legendary Rhine. Our ship is the Rembrandt van Rijn, which features large picture windows, a partly covered sun deck, a comfortable lounge and a bar and a restaurant with open sittings at all meals. Our cruise is accompanied by a guest lecturer whose informal talks on board will introduce and enhance all the wonderful sights we will see on the way. There is a full programme of sightseeing included and exclusively for The Times readers, these cruises feature a 10% discount on the brochure tour price.

Booking Details
Price Main Deck
£1485 per person (saving £165)
Price Promenade Deck
£1602 (saving £178)
Price Incindes
Flights; accommodation and meals; excursions; all tips on board and ashore; travel insurance

For an itinerary and a booking form, please call 071 873 5005 or return the coupon below to Times Swan Hellenic Rhine offer, c/o Cox & Kings, St James Court, 45 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6AF

The Times Swan Hellenic Rhine Offer (TTSHR)
Please forward me an itinerary and a booking form
Name: (Mr/Mrs/Ms)
Address:
Post Code.
Cox & Kings, St James Court, 45 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6AF

Answers from page 27

VENTAGE

(a) One of the series of apertures or holes in the length of a wind instrument for controlling the notes, a finger-hole, from the Latin *ventus* the wind. Shakespeare, *Hamlet*, 1602: "Govern these ventages with your fingers and it will discourse most eloquent music."

XYLOID

(c) Woody, made of wood, from the Greek *xulon* wood, as in *xylophone* a wooden voice: "Little Sharon certainly is her mother's daughter, isn't she, Mrs Plushvelvet? Same happy smile, same hair colour, same xyloid head."

HARMATIOLOGY

(b) That part of theology which deals with sin, from the Greek *harmation* the diminutive of sin + *logos* word or study. "So little Tracy is doing Divinity this year! That must be very gratifying for you, Mrs Mulholland — and she'll be doing her work experience in harmatiology then?"

IMMORIGEROUS

(a) Unyielding, obstinate, disobedient, rebellious, from the Latin *in-* not + *mōs, mōris* custom, humour + *gērĕrĕ* to bear or carry. Variant reading in Shakespeare's *Timon of Athens*, about 1600: "Timon, thou hast a wife morigerous." "Shee is the onely comfort of my age."

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

EASTER OUTINGS: White knuckles at Alton Towers; where to take the children; and horticultural treats

Nemesis? Not just now, thanks

We've never really thought of ourselves as a theme park family. My wife once went to Disneyland and frightened herself on Space Mountain, and I took the children to Chessington last year and felt sick on a few tamer rides. But most weekends are spent on gentler pastimes.

Still, an invitation to spend a weekend away and sample Alton Towers — to mark the introduction of the amazing new Nemesis ride — seemed too good to refuse. So on Friday night we set off on the 160-mile drive from London to Stoke-on-Trent, an unusual but intriguing destination with the promise of comfortable accommodation at the Moat House.

We approached Alton Towers with a certain scepticism, fearing crowds, oppressive noise, and a hard-sell on every corner. But what we found was a remarkably clean, well-organised and very British theme park.

Only Nemesis, the reason for our visit, raised a spectre. Billed as the ultimate thrill ride sensation — the first in Europe to whirl its weightless customers through 360 degress on the outside of the loop, the closest thing to flying — it looks extraordinary.

Is it a Star Trek training centre after a visit from the Klingons or is it a ski-lift with a power surge after an earthquake? The tentacles of a monstrous insect (or spider, crab, reptile?) stretch themselves along seemingly buckled rails, which rise and twist from a deep and gloomy rock pit surrounded by rusting wreckage.

"It's fright time," says the blurb. And so it was. Standing beside it was enough to make the nerves tremble, especially when one of the attendants enthusiastically told me, without a trace of irony: "In the summer it will get through 1,500 *victims* an hour."

Each time the rails sing in this "post-industrial valley" 32 people strapped into aircraft-style seats are hauled up a slope and set on a course that subjects them to stall turns, inverted loops, four seconds of weightlessness and four times the force of gravity. That's just the publicist's hype. If you stand below the infernal contraption you can also see that they are apparently hurtled full-pelt towards a rock wall and only at the final split second veer off, legs flailing, faces rigid into some tunnel that takes them God-knows-where until they emerge upside down, to loop the loop again.

"Why do people do that?" we asked each other, as scores of enthusiastic teenagers joined the queue. There was a sign: "Be sure you really want to ride before joining this queue." And another banning pregnant women, anyone under 1.4m in height and suggesting caution for those with bad backs or necks. We looked at the silent, groggy riders getting off and we weren't sure.

Our four-month-old baby Miranda and Magnus, seven, usually the bravest of the family, were quite safe — well under the 1.4m height limit. Allegra, who is 11, stood against the height measure and seemed to be a fraction over, until she giggled nervously and sort of shrank. "Well," said my wife Anna, "if it's not safe for pregnant women, it might still be a risk for someone who had a baby so recently." I looked at them all. "It would be really silly to put my back out again, when I have to carry Miranda so often," I said. "And there's no fun in riding alone." The wimp in all of us had won.

Anyway it's kids' stuff, all this wanting to fly; if you are really grown-up try the Congo River Rapids, a taste of white-water rafting and tremendously entertaining, especially if it's the children who get drenched and not you — although you have to pay for your pleasure. Magnus got so thoroughly soaked by one of the random water jets that his big sister had hysterics and I had to go to the Katanga cargo store and buy him a new, dry and environmentally-friendly T-shirt. Then he borrowed Anna's sweater to keep warm — my own was wet, too — and smeared it with sticky rock. That's what you call fun for all the family. Even Miranda posed for one of her most charming portraits outside the Haunted House.

The good thing about Alton Towers is that if you don't want to do any of those ridiculously daring or scary things, you can get close enough to feel you've taken part. A cable car carries you gently over the formal gardens — an important venue in themselves — that spill from the old house into a deep valley and past the terrifying Thunder Looper, over the contortions of the Corkscrew ride to the pleasures of the chocolate house or the World of Ice Cream.

And Stoke-on-Trent? It may not sound the place for a fun weekend but the park, which a few years ago housed the National Garden Festival, is now a leisure centre. It's not the prettiest place but it contains a ten-screen cinema, bowling alley, dry ski slope, the Quazar high-tech entertainment centre, a snooker club and the sub-tropical Waterworld, with slides, spas and a giant Black Hole Flume for anyone who can't get wet enough at Alton Towers.

The four-star Moat House hotel there, which incorporates Josiah Wedgwood's family home Etruria Hall, makes a point of catering for children. There are bottles of fizzy pop and biscuits in the bedrooms, bubble bath and rubber ducks in the bathrooms. The restaurant has a special children's menu which includes booze-free cocktails to make them feel really grown up.

ALAN COPPS

● *Alan Copps and his family were guests of the Moat House Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent, which offers weekend breaks for two adults and up to two children for £270 until the end of October. Price includes two nights half board, use of the hotel's facilities, including health club and pool, and a day pass for the family to Alton Towers, 15 miles away. Prices for the attractions in Festival Park vary but all can be arranged through the hotel, which also offers a babysitting service at 24 hours' notice.*

Ordinary admission to Alton Towers costs £14 per adult, £10.50 per child until May 28 and then £15 and £11 until November 7.



The peculiar form of Nemesis: the silence and grogginess of the riders getting off after the ride suggest that the publicity hype — "it's fright time" — may be accurate

Family fun for the holiday weekend

BEDFORDSHIRE

Woburn Safari Park: Easter activities include Hunt the White Rabbit, Sat-Mon; Game for a Knockout on Monday; live music Sunday and Monday; clowns teaching circus skills to visitors, Sat-Mon, with, of course, the animals.
Woburn Safari Park, Woburn (0525 290407). Daily 10am-5pm. Adults £7.50, children £5.

CORNWALL

Easter Bonnet Parade and Competition: Competitions for adults and children, plus rides and exhibitions.
Flambards Village Theme Park, Culdrose Manor, Helston (0326-574549). 10am-5.30pm. Competitions, Monday 4, 2pm. Adults £7.95, children £6.95.

DEVON

Easter Egg Hunt: Thousands of mini-chocolate eggs hidden in the grounds, plus meet young animals in the barnyard.
Crealy Country Park, Sidmouth Road, Clyst St Mary (0395 233200). Sunday and Monday, 11am-6pm. Adults £3.95, children £2.85.

DORSET

Easter Egg Hunt: Search around the Radipole Lake nature reserve for Easter eggs and other prizes, or decorate your own Easter egg. Booking essential.
The Swannery Car Park, Weymouth (0305 778313). Sunday 10am-midday. £1.50.

KENT

Easter Egg Hunt: Over 7,000 mini chocolate eggs to be found each day from Sat to Mon, special prizes for gold and silver eggs.
Leeds Castle, Leeds (0622 765400). Castle and grounds open 10am, last entry 5pm. Hunt starts at midday for under-fives, 2.30pm for 6-10 years and 11-15 years. Adults: £5.50, children (5-15 years) £3.30. Castle entrance £1.50 extra.

Easter Chicken Hunt: Displays of crafts, music and dance plus hidden chickens.
Museum of Kent Life, Dock Lane, Sandling, Maidstone (0622 763936). Sat-Mon, 10.30 am-5.30 pm. Adults £3, children £1.50.

LINCOLNSHIRE

Alford Oyez 94: Town criers' championship with a medieval wedding blessing, street musicians, Easter bonnet and toy-making displays.
Alford Market Place, Alford (0507 466063). Sun from 12, Mon from 10am. Admission free.

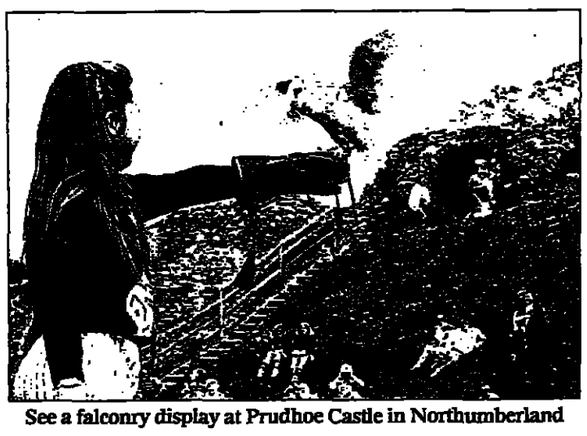
LONDON

Museum of London: Easter activities include egg decorating from around the world, Sat 11am-1pm; and the story of Olaudah Equiano, the 18th-century writer who was kidnapped for the slave trade as a child, Sat 1.30pm and 3.30pm.
Museum of London, 150 London Wall, EC2 (071-600 3699). Tues-Sat and Bank Holidays, 10am-5.30pm, Sun, 12-5.50 pm. Adults £3, children £1.50.

Funfairs: Traditional Easter entertainment for all the family.
Alexandra Park, Wood Green, N22 (071-836 9136). Sat 2, Sun 3, 2pm-10pm; Mon 4, midday-10pm; Tues 5 midday-6pm. Admission free. Covent Garden Piazza, Covent Garden, WC2. Daily from 11am until April 10. Admission free. Battersea Park, SW11. Sat-Mon, 10am-6.30pm. Admission free. Hampstead Heath, NW3. Sat 11am-10pm; Sun 2-7pm; Mon 10am-10pm. Admission free.

Battersea Park Easter Show: Live shows in the arena on Sunday. *Adults £3, children under 14 free (071-436 1750).*

From Bank to Riverbank: Kenneth Grahame, author of Wind in the Willows, was the youngest ever Secretary to the Bank of England. As part of the Easter celebrations, Toad, Mole, Badger and Ratty will be reading their favourite stories at midday and 3pm, plus face-painting and competitions with Easter egg prizes.
Bank of England Museum, Threadneedle Street, EC2 (071-601 5545). Until April 13, excluding Saturdays. Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sundays and Bank Holidays, 11am-5pm. Admission free.



See a falconry display at Prudhoe Castle in Northumberland

NORTHUMBERLAND

Prudhoe Castle: See a falconry display and hear about the history of using hawks and falcons for hunting and their conservation.
Prudhoe Castle, Prudhoe (0661 833459). Sun and Mon from 2pm. Adults £2.50, children £1.

SUFFOLK

Easter Egg Hunt Quiz: Win a giant Easter egg and see the Tudor bakery making hot cross buns, waffles and wafers; the dairy making butters and cheeses; and the cooks creating Easter treats.
Kentwell Hall, Long Melford, Sudbury (0787 310207). Sat-Mon 11am-6pm. Adults £5.50, children £3.50.

WARWICKSHIRE

Kenilworth Castle: The re-enactment of a siege with a small garrison of 17th-century soldiers and camp followers and music by Hautbois.
Kenilworth Castle, Kenilworth (0926 52078). Sun, Mon from midday. Adult £3, child £1.50.

WILTSHIRE

Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Air Balloons: Family fun at Longleat with the usual attractions, plus balloon ascents at 7am and 4.30pm, tethered flying throughout the day and an egg hunt at midday.
Longleat House, Warminster (0672 62272). Sat-Mon, 6.30am-dusk. Adults £2, children 50p.

YORKSHIRE

Easter Egg Specials with Friends of Thomas the Tank Engine: An Easter bunny will be riding on the trains. All children will get a present.
Embsay Steam Railway, Embsay Station, Skipton (0756 794727). Sat-Mon, 10am-4pm.

Yorkshire Mining Museum: Easter bunny goes underground on Saturday, Easter egg hunt on the surface on Sunday.
Caphouse Colliery, New Road, Overton, Wakefield (0924 848806). Sat, Sun 10am-5pm. Adults £5.25, children over five £3.95. No admission to under fives (See the Easter bunny on Sat, children, including under fives £1.40.)

Easter Egg Hunt: Hundreds of hidden eggs plus white-knuckle and family rides.
Lightwater Valley Theme Park, North Stainley, Ripon (0765 635368). Sat-Mon from 10am. Tickets for people over 1.3m tall, £8.50, under 1.3m, £6.95. Free for under-fours.

Easter Extravaganza: Activities include a treasure hunt, story-telling, plus egg and spoon races.
Beningbrough Hall, Shipton by Beningbrough, York (0904 470666). Sat-Mon, 11am-4pm. Adults £4.50, children £2.30, includes house, garden and exhibition.

Easter round the world: Face painting, egg decorating (bring your own hard-boiled egg) and making a nesting box.
East Riddlesden Hall, Bradford Road, Keighley (0535 607075). Sat-Mon, 1-4.30pm. Adults £3, under-17 years free in school holidays.

SCOTLAND

Easter Treasure Trail: Family Fun at the RSPB nature reserve.
Lochwinnoch Nature Centre, Largs Road, Lochwinnoch (0505 842663). Sun, 1-4pm. Adults £1, children 50p.

Haggs Castle: Includes decorating Easter eggs, making bunny puppets or bonnets, and dressing up in period costume. Booking essential.
Haggs Castle Museum, 100, St. Andrews Drive, Pollokshields, Glasgow (041-427 2725). Saturday 2 until April 10, Various activities Mon-Fri, 10.15am and 2.15pm; Sat, Sun 2.15pm. Various ages. Museum open Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-5pm. free.

HEATHER ALSTON

Gardens to visit

☐ **Castle Kennedy and Lochinch, Stranraer, Wigtownshire (0776 702024).**
Open April-Sept daily, 10am-5pm; £2, OAP £1.50, children £1, group rates.
A journey to Scotland's far south-western corner is worth the effort for this outstanding garden laid out in the 18th century by the 2nd Earl of Stair. During the 19th and 20th centuries, it was transformed with plantings of newly introduced conifers, rhododendrons collected by Sir Joseph Hooker and hosts of unusual exotic trees and shrubs. Its size of over 60 acres makes it a garden for the energetic visitor, but the combination of plant interest, landscape and views across the two lochs that contain the garden on an isthmus, and two castles is a rare experience.

☐ **Chillingham Castle, Northumberland (06685 359 390).**
Open April 1-4 and May-Sept daily, except Tues, 1.30pm-5pm; £3, OAP £2.50, children £2, group rates.
Outstanding restoration has been carried out in recent years to both the castle and garden at Chillingham. The woodland and lakeside walks are among the most enjoyable features and at their best in spring, while the neat formal design of yew and box topiary in the old walled garden is interesting before the enormous herbaceous border flowers later in summer.

☐ **Benthall Hall, Broseley, Shropshire (0952 882159).**
Open April 3 to Sept 28: Wed, Sun and Bank Hol Mons, 1.30pm-5.30pm (last entry 5pm); £2, children £1.
One of the National Trust's small house-and-garden gems, lacking the sugary dressing-up of the more commercial properties, and lived in by the Benthall family. It was the home of George Maw, a 19th-century plantsman who wrote the definitive work on crocuses and was a pioneer grower of chionodoxa. Much new planting has been done in recent years with an emphasis on spring and early summer ground-cover plants.

☐ **The Magnolias, 18 St John's Avenue, Brentwood, Essex (0277 220019).**
Open April 3, 10 and 24, and selected days in May, June, July, Aug, Sept and Oct (please ring for dates); £1, children 50p.
This half-acre garden is filled with spring and early summer delights, closely planted around winding paths, including spring bulbs, camellias, magnolias and pieris; wildlife in the ponds includes koi carp and terrapins.

☐ **The Savill Garden, Englefield Green, Surrey (0753 860222).**
Open daily 10am-6pm (7pm at weekends or sunset, if earlier); £3.20, OAP £2.70, accompanied children under-16 free, group rates.
This deservedly famous garden can be enjoyed at any time of the year, but the freshness of spring and early summer is hard to beat, with its array of interesting trees, shrubs and smaller plants. Consider making a spring visit to its 35 acres the first of a series through the seasons.

☐ **Trehane, Probus, Cornwall (0326 23125).**
Open April 3 and 17, selected days in May, June, July and Aug and by appointment (please ring for details); £1, children 50p.
One of my favourite camellias, the single white "Cornish Snow", was raised here and is among a superb collection, added to in spring and early summer by magnolias, drifts of bluebells and campion in the woodland, as well as an enticing atmosphere throughout the ten acres.

GEORGE PLUMPTRE



FERRY NICE PRICES

SPRING FARES TO FRANCE
FOR A CAR AND UP TO 5 PEOPLE

Prices for completed travel 25 Mar to 7 July	3 DAY RETURN	5 DAY RETURN	10 DAY RETURN
DOVER to CALAIS*	£116	£124	£188 STANDARD RETURN
NEWHAVEN to DIEPPE*	£106	£130	£140**
SOUTHAMPTON to CHERBOURG	—	£94	£150†

TO BOOK CALL NOW ON 0233 647047
OR SEE YOUR LOCAL TRAVEL AGENT/MOTORING ORGANISATION.
Supplements applicable for travel 1, 9 & 10 April, 7 & 28 May (31 Mar, 26 May, 4&5 June, 1 to 7 July also for Newhaven), see current Ferry & Leisure Guide. **Depart and return Mon to Thurs sailings. †Price for Sun to Thurs sailings.

Stena Sealink LINE

STENA LINE — THE WORLD'S LEADING FERRY COMPANY

TRAVEL

TO ADVERTISE: 071 481 4000 (Private)
PLEASE CALL: 071 481 1989 (Trade)

FAX: 071 481 9313

CHECK-IN

TRAILFINDERS

THE TRAVEL EXPERTS

For the real lowdown on low cost worldwide airfares

Trailfinders offer more low cost flights and routings to more destinations than anyone. Experts in air fares since 1970 we can tailor-make your itinerary with up to 65% discount on Hotels and Car Hire Worldwide.

CURRENT BEST BUYS ON THE WORLD'S FINEST AIRLINES

	o/w from	rtn from		o/w from	rtn from		o/w from	rtn from
SYDNEY	£310	£572	CAIRO	-	£203	CARACAS	£219	£418
PERTH	£330	£594	NAIROBI	£220	£359	RIO	£318	£484
AUCKLAND	£396	£676	DAR ES SALAAM	£264	£456	NEW YORK	£103	£189
BANGKOK	£180	£359	HARARE	£297	£495	BOSTON	£155	£215
HONG KONG	£271	£464	JO'BURG	£246	£359	MIAMI	160	£261
SINGAPORE	£180	£359	DELHI	£234	£368	SAN FRANCISCO	£208	£278
BALI	£267	£528	BOMBAY	£234	£368	LOS ANGELES	£115	£278
TOKYO	£316	£594	KATHMANDU	£289	£506	TORONTO	£125	£225
BEIJING	£303	£572	MEXICO CITY	£209	£284	ORLANDO	£103	£189

For your free copy of the Trailfinder magazine ring 071-938 3366 anytime

AROUND THE WORLD FROM - £716

42-50 Earls Courts Road LONDON W8 6EJ	58 Deansgate MANCHESTER M3 2FF	48 Corn Street BRISTOL BS1 1HQ	254-284 Sauchiehall Street GLASGOW G2 3EH	194 Kensington High Street LONDON W8 7RG
Longhaul Flights 071-938 3366	Worldwide Flights 061-839 6969	Worldwide Flights 0272 299000	Worldwide Flights 041-353 2224	Longhaul Flights 071-938 3939
Transatlantic & European 071-937 5400				Transatlantic & European 071-938 3232
First & Business Class 071-938 3444				First & Business Class 071-938 3444

PEOPLE THINK THE WORLD OF US

ABTA 69701 IATA ATOL 1458

BRIDGE THE WORLD

◆ DISCOUNT FLIGHTS ◆ TOURS WORLDWIDE ◆ HOTELS ◆ OPEN 7 DAYS Mon-Fri 9-6; Sat 10-5 (Sunday 10-4 telesales only)

AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND THE FAR EAST
AFRICA ◆ ASIA ◆ SOUTH AMERICA

	from (£)	o/w	rtn		from (£)	o/w	rtn		from (£)	o/w	rtn
SYDNEY		310	568	BANGKOK		218	355	CAIRO		158	199
PERTH		320	568	SINGAPORE/KL		224	398	NAIROBI		209	320
AUCKLAND		384	664	HONGKONG		248	458	JO'BURG		269	390
DELHI / BOM		198	335	BEIJING		268	478	HARARE		294	465
KATHMANDU		268	435	TOKYO		274	489	QUITO		276	497
JAKARTA		275	470	MEXICO		284	328	RIO		259	490

Direct Flight Returns: Manila £516 Bangkok £410 HKong £355 B'Aires £586 Rio £569 Dubai £484 Jo'burg £485 Harare £498

● ROUND THE WORLD on QUALITY SCHEDULED AIRLINES ●

- LONDON - BANGKOK - BALI - SYDNEY - AUCKLAND - TAHITI - L.A. surface NEW YORK/BOSTON - LONDON £698
- LONDON - SINGAPORE - SYDNEY - RAROTONGA - HAWAII - LOS ANGELES - LONDON £788
- LONDON - BANGKOK - MANILA - SYDNEY - AUCKLAND / FIJI - VANCOUVER surf LOS ANGELES - LONDON £838
- LONDON - SAO PAULO surf B'AIRES - AUCKLAND - SYDNEY surf CAIRNS - BRISBANE - HKONG - LONDON £869
- LONDON - DELHI surface KATHMANDU - BANGKOK surface SINGAPORE - JAKARTA - BALI - CAIRNS surface MELBOURNE - AUCKLAND - LOS ANGELES / SAN FRANCISCO - MEXICO - LONDON £1089

USA & EUROPE

	rtn fr £
NEW YORK	179
BOSTON	209
FLORIDA	179
LOS ANGELES	278
SAN FRANCISCO	279
DENVER	279
TORONTO	219
VANCOUVER	298
CARIBBEAN	485
AMSTERDAM	75
GENEVA	133
PARIS	69

☎ 071 916 0990

WIN FREE FLIGHTS to AUSTRALIA or NEW ZEALAND See our brochure for details. For a FREE copy ring 071 911 0830 (24hrs)

Ask for our NEW ADVENTURE TOURS BROCHURE

☎ 071 911 0900

Bridge the World Travel Centre 1-3 Pentonville Street, Camden Town, London N1 9PJ

◆ BUSINESS-CLASS ◆
Australia / New Zealand £1,198
South Africa £1,091
Bangkok / Singapore £1,130
Hong Kong £1,150
New York £1,182 L.A. £1,075
☎ 071 911 0800

AUSTRALIA

- *Officially appointed Qantas agent*
- *Business class rtn from £1139*
- *Hotels from standard to 5 star*
- *Tailor-made itineraries*
- *Car & Campervan hire*
- *Ayers Rock Tours and more...*

Return Airfares from **£569**

24 hour brochure hotline 071 402 4108

phone (071) 258 0280 TRAVEL *Mood.* 246 Edgware Road London W2 1DS ABTA C0965 - IATA

Wherever the mood takes you

New Zealand and Australia



*for those of you who don't do things by halves, see both from £615** CALL US NOW for a full information pack.*

FARES FROM £525 RETURN

*Plus tax and insurance **Plus insurance

Open 7days Mon-Fri 9am-7pm Sat-Sun 9am-5pm

TRAVELBAG OFFICIAL AQUATIZERS AGENT

12 High Street, Alton, Hants, GU34 1BN

☎ 0420-88724 or 071-497 0515

Special restrictions apply, ask for details.

FLIGHT BOOKERS PLC

AMERICAS

NEW YORK	fr. £199
BOSTON	£219
FLORIDA	£199
CALIFORNIA	£259
CANADA	£219

INSURANCE fr £19

EUROPE

PARIS	fr. £70
AMSTERDAM	£75
FRANKFURT	£99
ROME	£130
BRUSSELS	£79

INSURANCE fr £12

FAMILY FLYDRIVE
U.S.A. from £749
2 ADULTS, 2 CHILDREN, 4 DOOR CAR

AROUND THE WORLD
LON-SINGAPORE-H.KONG-CAIRNS-X-SYDNEY-AUCKLAND-PAPEETE-L.A.-X-N.YORK-LON fr. **£690**

WORLDWIDE

AUSTRALIA	fr. £570
NEW ZEALAND	£655
HONG KONG	£455
BANGKOK	£399
SINGAPORE	£455
JOHANNESBURG	£390
CAPETOWN	£390
HARARE	£479
MEXICO	£279
KUALA LUMPUR	£455
INDIA	£360
INDONESIA	£435

INSURANCE fr £21

ABTA A1470 **071 757 2000** AMERICA & EUROPE IATA **071 757 3000** WORLDWIDE 2562

AUSTRALIA

ANGLO PACIFIC for yourself go

Australia/N.Zealand Packages:*
12 day highlights of Australia £774pp • 8 day Reef & Outback £827pp • 9 day highlights of NZ £598 • 4 day Ayers Rock / Alice Springs £359pp

ANGLO PACIFIC Australia/NZ flights

RETURN AIRFARES

	2nd	Mid	Per	Dec	Aft
Mar	535	540	540	540	670
Apr	590	590	590	590	670
May	590	590	597	590	670
Jun	590	590	590	590	755
July	575	575	575	575	755

FREE 100 pc Australia Beach Towel worth £12.99 with every booking

SPECIAL BUSINESS CLASS FARES AVAILABLE FROM £1175 rtn

*prices do not include air taxes

(London • ANGLO PACIFIC TRAVEL OFFICES • Australia)
52 Earls Court Road, Kensington W8 6EJ — 191 Kensington High St, Kensington, London W8 7RG
Tel: 071 937 9393 — 071 938 3366

TEL : 071 937 9893

DISCOUNT AIRFARES

EUROPE & WORLDWIDE

Athens	fr £105
Tenerife	fr £99
Malaga	fr £85
Faro	fr £99
Los Angeles	fr £279
New York	fr £182
Toronto	fr £212
Sydney	fr £565
Bangkok	fr £320
Hong Kong	fr £459
Jo'burg	fr £429
Carribean	fr £239

FREE INSURANCE TO AUSTRALIA/NZ selected airlines, 3 months min. Many more available. Lowest possible fares on all major airlines scheduled/charter. Car hire, travel insurance available. CAA ATOL Bonded 2504 Access/Visa

FARESAVERS TEL:0902 29597

Far East



FLIGHTS FROM £394 SINGAPORE FLIGHTS FROM £155 RETURN

Singapore – all the East in a single city

- The astounding hustle and buzz of the old Far East collides with the glitz, the glamour of today's most exciting city, Singapore • Fabulous shops, bustling bazaars, a stunning choice of international and oriental cuisine. • See Singapore - you'll agree the rest of the world can wait.

CALL US NOW for an information pack.

Open 7days Mon-Fri 9am-7pm Sat-Sun 9am-5pm

TRAVELBAG

In conjunction with the Singapore Tourist Promotion Board

Dept EA, 12 High Street, Alton, Hants, GU34 1BN

☎ 0420-80828 or 071-379 3990

Travel insurance

at 1990 prices! Don't pay more.

Europe	Worldwide Annual	USA	Aus/NZ
£7*	£67	£20*	£194 1 year

• Family rates available • Ski from £13
Low rates for any number of days. *one trip

071-375 0011 COLUMBUS

LOWEST FLIGHT PRICES

Call 061 228 1800 Charterline Travel

Retail Agent for ATOL Holders

SCHEDULED FLIGHTS

ALL AIRPORTS ALL DESTINATIONS WORLDWIDE

CALL NOW 071 339 3988

DESTINATIONS DIRECT

Rockfords

SERVING YOU SINCE 1934

★ HONG KONG £449 ★

Sydney	£569	Delhi/Colombo	£385
Auckland	£650	Lagos	£429
Bangkok	£289	Dar Es Salaam	£415
Singapore	£269	Nairobi	£375
Bali	£469	Rio De Janeiro	£439
Penang	£365	New York	£183
Beijing	£479	Montreal	£225
Seoul/Taipei	£489	Amsterdam	£77

★ MONTEGO BAY £276 RTN ★

See TELETEXT p236

071 436 2644

TRAVEL INSURANCE

LOW QUOTES TOP COVER and the best for Service and Reliability. 7 Day Approval Money back Guarantee

OPEN 9am-8pm 7 DAYS

061 339 1197 OR 071 820 1001

DATA

MALAGA	122	TEL AVIV	189
CANNES	109	FRANKFURT	99
BUDAPEST	169	BARCELONA	135
NICE	125	VENICE	145
MALAGA	122	ZURICH	139
AMSTERDAM	89	ATHENS	169
PRAGUE	139	ISTANBUL	189
IBIZA	129	DUBAI	85
DUBLIN	89	ORLANDO	169
COPENHAGEN	134	MOROCCO	135
ALICANTE	95	PALMA	135

Tel: 0424 722394

CANADA, USA, S. Africa, Australia, N.Z., Europe. Good discount fares. Longmore Int'l. 081 566 1101. ABTA 73196

ORIENTAL VARIATIONS

TAILOR-MADE ITINERARIES TO THE FAR EAST FROM THE SPECIALISTS

ABTA SILVERBIRD THE FAR EAST TRAVEL SPECIALISTS

4 Northfields Prospect Putney Bridge Rd • London SW18 1PE • 081 575 9090

TRAVEL INSURANCE

40% OFF HIGH STREET PRICES

SPECIAL RATES FOR FAMILIES & GROUPS

£9 £19 UP TO 17 DAYS

CLUB DIRECT

0730 817533

WE'VE GOT IT COVERED!

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

MALDIVES with AIR LANKA

The beautiful coral island resort of

REETHI RAH

at £599

2nd week B/B FREE (pay dinner & tax £77).

Depart Thursdays 7 Apr - 20 Jun

Brochure Conditions apply See your travel agent or CALL 081-748 5050

HAYES and JARVIS

When booking Air Charter based Travel you are strongly advised to obtain the name and ATOL number of the Tour Operator with whom you will be contracted. You should ensure that the confirmation advice carries this information. If you have any doubts, check with the ATOL section of the Civil Aviation Authority on

071 832 5620/6600

For a free leaflet on the ATOL scheme ring 071 832 6333 (24 hours).

SCANDINAVIA

Best prices guaranteed. For family holidays choose from the widest selection of luxury chalets, farmhouses & hotels in idyllic settings, some by the sea. Also Baltic Islands. Self drive, fly/drive.

For personal service/advice

ABTA 081 905 7797 24hrs SWEDEN MENELL

ITALY & FRANCE

FLIGHTS fr £79 CAR HIRE £80 Inc. CDW Lagna Travel Ltd

CITY BREAKS fr £105 HOTELS, VILLAS, CATERED HOLIDAYS fr £194 Call for brochure

071 287 1292

ABTA A5183 ATOL 2551 Suite 104-107 Tiberius Hs, 180 Regent St, London W1

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

AIRPORT PARKING

FLYING from Gatwick? Park on-airport at NCP Flightpath Long Term car parks. Turn up & take off or book in advance & save up to 20% on 8 days £24.00, 15 days £43.50. Both terminals. 24hrs. Bookings 0800 123 123 Mon-Fri 9-8, Sat 9-6.

BALEARICS

IBIZA Figural bungalow, sips 6, 2 bath. 10 minutes sea, very quiet location. £105/ £350 pw. Tel (evenings) 0603 812147.

MENORCA Lovely family villa, sleeps 6-7, own pool, sky t.v. etc. In exclusive Playa Addaya, available until 27th May and from 23rd September. 0708 744679.

MENORCA Del luxury villa sips 6, pool, quiet location. From £300 pw. 0243 786486 Home.

MENORCA Aug 19. 2 wks. Mahon harbour villa, close water, sips 4, s/pool. 02633612625

CARIBBEAN

BARBADOS West Coast 1 bedroom apt. sips 2, pool, sea view, nr shops. Tel: 0509 852244.

EASTER and the FOURTH TEST MATCH in BARBADOS

Just available - Robert Sangster's superb fully staffed house, Jack's Harbour, on the splendid St. James's beach, for rent from 31st March to 17th April.

This Unique property is situated adjacent to the Sandy Lane Hotel and provides accommodation for twelve within the exquisitely furnished main house and cottage.

For further information call

H.R.Sarsfield on 051 9292423/3368898 or Fax 0672 516806

CRUISE & SAIL ABROAD

ALLAN GAUCL Greece. Tuition/ Flotilla/Bareboat with Villa Option holidays. Delivery/ tuition trip 24 April £195pppw. 081 998 2830 24hrs 3PPL

Boating in France

Widest choice throughout the waterways of France & Holland. For brochure quote 16122 and RING 0582 561 591.

HOSEASONS ABTA Z5837X ATOL 2230

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

FAR EAST Specials - Thailand 3 centre fr £779. Bangkok fr £549. Beaches fr £599. Hong Kong fr. £749. Bali fr. £829. Fits on leading airlines & 1st class hotel accom. For brochure call Far East Gateways 061 945 4321 Open 7 days. ABTA 56434 ATOL

CYPRUS

PAPHOS, secluded Appt with good views, sips 6, reasonable rates, Josie on 0742 830185.

NORTH CYPRUS AND TURKEY SPECIALIST

Anatolian Sky Holidays

EASTERN EUROPE

CZECH REPUBLIC/ Hungary. Apartments & Hotels in Prague, Budapest etc. Wide selection cottages & Self drive hols. Car hire, flights. Brochure. Call the specialists Bridgewater Travel (021) 585 5846. ABTA D0219.

FRANCE

A Deluxe Mobile Home, S. Brittany, Sips 7. 2km to 3 sandy beaches. Heated swim pool. From £100 p.w. 0753 676454 (O) 0781 475010 (H)

B & B Fairy tale Moated Chateau. Central France £35 Dble Room. Tel: 010 33 85 80 72 93.

BEAUTIFUL peaceful villa inland St Tropez, sleeps 8, 4 bedrms, own large pool and garden. Superb views. May £700pw June £900pw. Tel France 94 73 03 42.

BEAUTIFUL Villa close Cannes sips 6 lge gdn beams fireplace all tourist info. Close to all amenities Fr £400pw 071 381 2374

BED & BREAKFAST. In France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Austria, Switz, Italy & Spain. Selected farmhouses, manors & country inns. Ideal s/breaks, touring & night stops. For Holidays or accom only. Brochure. B & B Abroad 0689 862904.

BETWEEN the Alps and the Beaujolais country, and much closer than many traditional destinations the country side of l'Ain as typically French as one could be...7 nights half board in a "Logis de France" hotel from 1756 FF. Weekly rental or holiday house sleeping 5 from 1000 FF. Info in English avail from: Centrale de Reservation BP 78, 01002 Bourg en Bresse France. Tel: (010 33) 74 21 66 00. Fax: 74 21 48 69

Apartments and Gites de France cottages

FRANCE NORD

Specialists in
- Pas-de-Calais
- Picardy
- Loire Valley
- Normandy
- Lake-Allier-Vosges
- Brittany

FREE Brochures from: 77 Beaufort Court, Sutton Coldfield West Midlands B74 2PA Tel: 021 353 3457

NEWBORNE

COTE D'AZUR ● ST RAPHAEL SOUTH OF FRANCE DOUCE QUIETUDE

- Luxury mobile home holidays
- 4 star site in forest
- Own private telephone
- Charges per mobile, not p.person
- Package deal available
- New mobile homes for sale

49 Madeira Ave, Worthing Sussex, BN11 2AX

TEL: 0903 237800 (24 hrs)

LES MAISONS DE CHANTALE

0533 463366

FRANCE

Traditional holiday properties of character and quality in France and Corsica. Many with pool.

FREE COLOUR BROCHURE RING (07987) 411 QUOTE REF: F296

Or write to: Dept. F296, Vacances en Campagne, Bignor, Pulborough, W. Sussex RH20 1QD

Vacances en Campagne

SUMMER PORTFOLIO

CARIBBEAN FIRST CLASS FROM £1895

Stay 6 nights at THE INN, ANTIGUA from £1895, 7 nights at WINDJAMMER LANDING, ST. LUCIA from £1995, 13 nights at FOUR SEASONS, NEVIS from £2520 or 14 nights at CALABASH, GRENADA from £2450, all with FIRST CLASS RETURN AIR TRAVEL included.

This Summer and Autumn Elegant Resorts are offering the opportunity to stay at 25 of the most famous hotels on 10 separate Caribbean islands at prices well below the normal First Class BWIA Air Fare of £3560. Our First Class brochure has details of all the destinations.

OUR SUMMER PORTFOLIO CONTAINS MANY MORE SPECIAL SUMMER VALUES – FREE WEEKS, FLIGHT UPGRADES, FAMILY SPECIALS AND EVEN FREE WEDDINGS.

Elegant Resorts

24 NICHOLAS STREET, CHESTER CH1 2ER 0244 329671 ABTA 97154

CUBA

THE CARIBBEAN'S MOST EXCITING NEW DESTINATION

LOW LOW PRICES

3 STAR SUPERIOR HOTEL 14 NIGHTS BED & BREAKFAST

£499

The best choice, with direct flights from Gatwick, at your travel agent now or telephone 0532 361717

sunWORLD

QUALITY HOLIDAYS - BEST PRICES

*Hotel Admiral, Guardalavaca, departing Gatwick 15 June, 14 nights. See page 17 Sunworld Cuba brochure.

ABTA 36746 ATOL 1941

GUARANTEED UNBEATABLE AIRFARES

CHECK OUR PRICES FIRST

For economy [illegible] ticket [illegible] you've seen elsewhere, call us. We'll match it. If you find a lower price for a comparable flight on the day of booking - we'll refund the difference. It's simple as that.

DUE TO RELOCATION, WE WILL BE CLOSING AT 1pm ON SATURDAY WE WILL BE OPEN AGAIN AS NORMAL ON MONDAY 07/03/94

KEEP THIS NUMBER SAVE MONEY ON YOUR NEXT FLIGHT

DIRECT ENQUIRIES AND RESERVATIONS 9am-7pm - MONDAY to SATURDAY

0891 616 616

GLOBAL DIRECT TRAVEL

FRANCE

Drive France

VILLAS & COTTAGES IN THE PRETTIEST REGIONS OF FRANCE.

CALL OUR 9PM BROCHURE LINE 081-395 8565

92-96 Lind Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 4PL

S.W. FRANCE

VILLAS / COTTAGES

FRANCOPHILE HOLIDAYS

FREE COLOUR BROCHURE TEL 24hr

0327 310100

AQUITAINE Holidays

SPECIALIST IN SOUTHERN FRANCE

COTE D'ARGENT OR COTE D'AZUR DORDOGNE OR PYRENEES COUNTRY CHATEAUX OR COASTAL CHEZES

YOUR WISH IS OUR COMMAND JUST CALL:

0892 516101

ABTA

Chez Nous

OVER 1000 PRIVATE OWNERS ADVERTISE

Chateaux • Villas • Family Hotels Studios • Apartments • Farm Houses Mobile Homes • Bed & Breakfasts All parts of France

0454 632503

BRITTANY VENDEE DORDOGNE PROVENCE

A personal selection of villas and cottages. Countryside to Coast.

COLOUR BROCHURE

Tel : 061 707 8794 (24hrs)

SUNSELECT VILLAS, Merton Road, Manchester M20 9PN. ABTA BONDED

GREECE

WORLD EXPEDITIONS

CYCLE • SAIL • WALK • EXPLORE TUSCANY, GREECE, FRANCE & THE ALPS

For a brochure call 0628-74174 (24hrs)

Bonded ABTOT 5017

AIRLINE ticket NETWORK

FLORIDA	fr £226	NEW ORLEANS	fr £227
BOSTON	fr £212	DALLAS	fr £227
WASHINGTON	fr £207	DENVER	fr £227
DETROIT	fr £187	CALIFORNIA	fr £247
ATLANTA	fr £212	LAS VEGAS	fr £247
CHICAGO	fr £257	HONOLULU	fr £440

NEW YORK from £182

9am-9pm 7 days a week

TORONTO	fr £222	SINGAPORE	fr £415	MEXICO CITY	fr £339
VANCOUVER	fr £282	BANGKOK	fr £385	RIO	fr £490
AUSTRALIA	fr £575	MANILA	fr £483	SOUTH AFRICA	fr £390
NEW ZEALAND	fr £647	BALI	fr £520	HARARE	fr £470
HONG KONG	fr £460	TOKYO	fr £555	DUBAI	fr £365

OPEN SUNDAYS

GREAT CAR HIRE RATES AVAILABLE Mandatory Air Taxes and insurance extra.

Phone now! 07 72 72 72 72 SEE ITV TELETEXT P275

IATA 08557

THE NATIONAL SALES CENTRE FOR OVER 100 LEADING SCHEDULED AIRLINES, WITH 400,000 DISCOUNT FARES TO 700 DESTINATIONS.

هكذا من الأصل

TO ADVERTISE: 071 481 4000 (Private)
PLEASE CALL: 071 481 1989 (Trade)

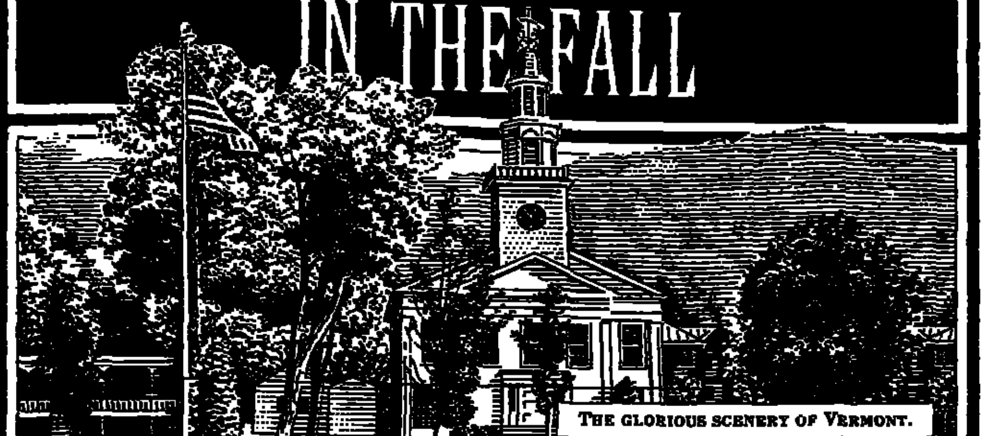
TRAVEL

FAX: 071 481 9313

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

11 NIGHTS ONLY £999

CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND IN THE FALL



THE GLORIOUS SCENERY OF VERMONT.

There's nowhere in the world like Canada and New England for Autumn colour, the Maple and Birch trees ablaze with brilliant reds, oranges and yellows against a hazy blue mountain backdrop.

And there's no better way of seeing it for yourself than joining Page & Moy on a comprehensive tour that takes you from Toronto in Canada to the mountains of New England, via Lake Ontario and the awe-inspiring Niagara Falls.

Each stop along the way is as rich in history as it is in scenery, including Boston where the streets echo with a glorious past.

THE PRICE INCLUDES

Free taxi between your home and the airport.
Scheduled flights from London Heathrow.
10 nights' hotel accommodation.
All sightseeing.
Services of an experienced Page & Moy tour leader and free travel pack.

1994 DEPARTURE DATES PRICES PER PERSON

BY AIR FROM HEATHROW
Connecting flights from regional airports available. Ask for details.

19, 21, 23, 25, 29 SEPT; 2, 4, 6 OCT — £999

ACCOMMODATION:
Based on shared occupancy of twin or double bedded rooms with private bath or shower and wc. 6 nights' room only, 4 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation.

SUPPLEMENTS PER PERSON:
Single rooms £35 per night. Holiday Insurance £48 (65 years and under); £78.50 (66 years and over).

PHONE TODAY TO MAKE YOUR BOOKING OR REQUEST OUR 1994 BROCHURE.

0533 524433

QUOTING REFERENCE: DR4228.

To secure a place on this excellent holiday, complete the coupon and return it to us with £95 per person or phone us now on 0533 524433, quoting reference: DR4228.

☐ Please reserve me.......................... places on the Canada Holiday C21Z.
☐ This holiday is one of over 60 holidays, please send your FREE brochure.

DEPARTURE DATE: .... MR/MRS/MISS/MS (INC INITIALS) ....
ADDRESS ....
POSTCODE .... TELEPHONE ....
☐ I enclose my cheque for £.......... made payable to "Page & Moy Ltd."
I wish to pay my deposit by: ☐ ☐
ACCOUNT NUMBER .... EXPIRY DATE ....
SIGNATURE .... DATE ....

Page & Moy may pass your details to other reputable companies who may use them to offer you goods and services. Please tick if you prefer not to receive these offers. ☐

PAGE & MOY HOLIDAYS
136-140 London Road, Leicester, LE2 1EN.

YOUR GUIDE TO A WHOLE NEW WORLD

THE COMPLETE GOLFING TIMESHARE OFFER



Club Mirador Golf resort is situated in the heart of the Costa del Sol in between Fuengirola and Marbella in the picturesque village of Calahonda. The resort is located directly in front of a beautiful mountain range and adjacent to an attractive golf course.

As an owner at Club Mirador Golf you can enjoy luxurious accommodation for life in quality two bedroom, one and a half bathroom apartments, every apartment is fully equipped, tastefully designed and furnished to the highest of standards. Throughout your stay you may also play golf at considerably reduced green fees and enjoy all the benefits of a Golf Club Member. In addition, we will also pay your first three years' membership fees to Interval International, the quality exchange network.

At Club Mirador Golf we consider our clients' total satisfaction to be of the utmost importance and we employ only the most professional and experienced staff to provide a wide range of services.

We also understand that your total confidence in our product and your complete security are very important, we follow the recommendations set out by the Office of Fair Trading Report and we operate a Club Trustee System through T.T.I. Europa Limited, the oldest and largest specialist trustee company.

You are invited to inspect our completely free of charge, full colour brochure, which contains all the details of Club Mirador Golf and this very special opportunity, but please hurry this is a limited offer and we have very few weeks left available!

EXCELLENT PRODUCT
GOOD PRICES
GREAT SERVICES

LIMITED OFFER
TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS

RED WEEKS	YELLOW WEEKS	GREEN WEEKS
@ £3,295	@ £2,495	@ £1,895

CALL NOW!
061 343 1868

or complete the coupon below and send it to:
CLUB MIRADOR GOLF
FREEPOST 5324
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS OL6 7SL
(No stamp required)

tti Europa — The Specialist Trustees
INTERVAL INTERNATIONAL — The Quality Holiday Exchange Network

SPECIAL OFFER - POST NOW!

Please forward by return of post details of your timeshare offer. We understand that we are under no obligation and that no salesman will call.
TEL: 061 343 1868 T2

NAME ....
ADDRESS ....
POST CODE ....
TEL NO: ....
PLEASE NOTE - NO OBLIGATION

GREECE

GREECE BY DESIGN

Argo, the all year round specialist to Greece introduces 2 stylish brochures:
The Gold Collection — A stylish new brochure offering the very best of Greece. Choose from Athens, Rhodes, Crete, Halkidiki, Thessaloniki, Chios, Santorini, Mykonos, Lemnos, Mani and a Private Island or any combination of the above.
GREECE BY DESIGN (Winter/Summer) — Weekend or longer breaks in Athens, Thessaloniki, Crete or any combination. Also Classical tours and cruises. Easter booking available.
● Maximum flexibility ● Schedule flights ● Excellent value.
For colour brochures telephone ARGO HOLIDAYS 071 224 3366. ABTA/IATA/ATOL 2254

GREECE - We are true specialists with 31 years experience. Our 1994 brochure features 26 islands incl. direct flights to Lemnos and Samos. Prices from £275 (1 wk) & £313 (2 wks). Greek Sun Holidays (0732) 740317 (24 hrs). ATOL 0011. Oceanways Travel Services Ltd. ABTA 46288 AITO.

GREEK ISLANDS CLUB Individual villas & discreet hotels on 11 Ionian & Sporades islands, for those who feel they deserve the best. For a brochure tel (0932) 220477. Abta Aito Atol 848

PAXOS. Charming villas & apts on this idyllic unspoilt island. Planos Holidays - The Paxos Specialists. For brochure 0225 310306. ATOL 2854.

ZAKYNTHOS Lux beach accom Popular secluded rural locn. May-Oct Broch 0727 844364

THE REAL CORFU & PAXOS
QUIETER FAMILY HOLIDAYS
THE FINEST VILLAS WITH POOLS OR BY THE SEA
LEISURE VILLAS LTD
ABTA 36821 29 Palmerston Road, London SW19 1PG ATOL 2023
081-540 5720

ITALY

A Private country villa in Tuscany. Gdn.s.p. S of Siena. 0446772521 h 0792774400 w.

BEAUTIFUL villa near Florence with swimming pool and tennis court, sleeps 8, £2,575 pw, now available July and August. Contact International Chapters 071 722 9560 Reference 32.

BEAUTIFUL converted farmhse Tuscany/Umbria bdr. Large pool gardens 0579 650913.

CORTONA area. Comfortable farmhouse Nr. lake, sleeps 8. Avail now. 0736 731366

IDYLLIC ITALY countryside to coast inc Marina di Pietrasanta, Forte dei Marmi, Amalfi, Palinuro, Islands Elba & Ischia. Cities, inland Tuscany, Umbria. Villas, Farmhouses, Castles, Apartments & Hotels. Bridgewater's Toscana. 061-7078795 24hrs ABTA D0219.

SPACIOUS farmhouse on Tuscan/Umbrian bdr, pool, slps 10 Tel/Fax: 01039 759410113

TUSCANY COAST. Monte Argentario almost an island. Farmhouse, marvellous sea views. 5 min. walk fr. unspoilt beach. 1½ hrs nth of Rome 081 994 2956 fax 081 747 8343.

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF ITALY
Authentic Italian holidays for the discerning traveller
Villas with pool • Hand-picked hotels • 7 and 14 night holidays • Short Breaks
The Magic of Italy
For reservations call 081-748 7575
9-5 daily, 10-4 Sat Sun
0303 226670
ABTA 97275 ATOL 2385 AITO
Air Travel Group (Holidays) Ltd

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

ITALY

TUSCANY /Sicily select holiday properties in excellent locations. Pools etc. Brochure: 05394 31120. ABTA C3840.

TUSCANY. Spac. apt in foothills of M. Amiata. Stunning view from S. facing balcony. Sleeps 4. Fr. £168pw. 081 808 1867

TUSCANY Lovely F/ house Nr Lucca, pool, maid. Slps 10 from £900pw. Also rustic flat SE Siena. 2 + 2. Tel 0717560165

TUSCANY aprtmnts in farmhouse lovely views 20 mins south of Siena slps 2/6 from £195pw 01039 577 834564

TUSCANY apartment in old farmhouse near Siena, mountains sea. Tel: 0929 560533

UMBRIA Delightful accom in separate, idyllic, rural locations. 2 18thC frmhses, restored to lux standard for 10 (or 8 + 2.) 1 with lge priv pool. Also 2 frmhse apts in sunny valley, each sleeps 4. Tel 0386 870847 & fax 0386 871606.

MOROCCO

ASILAH - Lovely large apt. slps 4, central shops etc, 5 mins beach, maid. 0308 456704.

PORTUGAL

AFFORDABLE Villas - July/Aug availability. EHS Travel 0993 700600 Abta 64267

ALGARVE/Carvoeiro. Group of owners with private 2/3/4 & 5 bedrm villas all with private pools BBQ and maid. Close to beach & town from £265 pw. New until 22nd May but most other dates avail. 081-663 1363

ALGARVE Hillside villa nr Loule. Own tennis crt, beach & 9 golf courses within 30 mins. 6 dble bedrms pool maid. Dates avail June/Sept/Oct. 071 370 2221.

ALGARVE/ 4 bed villa, large garden, pool, 2 miles Val de Lobo golf. Ring for det. 0371 870612 eves 0376 344330 day.

ALGARVE/SALEMA Lux hillside villa, slps 6, pool + maid. Sea views, golf. 0225 891794.

ALGARVE Villa with 3 beds, 3 baths, s/pool. Special rates. Flights available. 0947 604731.

ALGARVE 1-2 bd pvt apt/villa, pool TV. Broch. £135pw. April 081 449 3276/0656 650699

ALTO CLUB - Villas/Golf near Portimao. EHS Travel 0993 700600 Abta 64267

LISBON & NORTH. Character accom. Flts. Ferry. Hire Cars. 0242 262189 ATOL 2769.

PORTUGAL. All areas. Villas/apts, hotels, pousadas, golf hols, flights. Longmere Int'l. 081 655 1101. ABTA 73196

VILA VITA PARC Rooms/suites Stunning resort nr Carvoeiro spoil yourselves! EHS Travel 0993-700600 Abta 64267

SPAIN

ANDALUCIA HACIENDA Suit large families/groups. 4 villas, pool, tennis, sea 1 mile. golf/riding nearby. Pianos Holidays 0225 310306 ATOL 2854.

FRIGILIANA. Andalucia's prettiest mountain village. Self con apt in village house, separate entrance, beautiful private garden and pool, views to the sea, Nerja 6KM. 0273 736004 UK or 010 3452 5332 55 Spain.

LA MANGA CLUB Lux del villa, slps 6 superb views nr all facilities ½ price short 0753 546842

MARBELLA luxury 5/6 bedrm villa private pool and sea-views 0745 361048 or 0860 790928

HYATT
LA MANGA CLUB RESORT
MURCIA, SPAIN
EUROPE'S PREMIER SPORTING COMPLEX
SPORTING FIESTA
FROM £229 | including:
• RETURN DAYTIME FLIGHTS
• 5 STAR HYATT ACCOMMODATION
• DAILY GOLF (3 CHAMP. COURSES)
• TENNIS (17 FLOODLIT COURTS)
• WATERSPORTS • FITNESS CENTRE ETC.
Barwell Travel
PHONE NOW FOR A BROCHURE
TEL :081 397 4411

Experience the real Spain staying at the state-owned Paradors, offering the perfect insight to this fascinating country.
Palaces, castles, converted monasteries & convents - over 80 Paradors cover the country providing the highest standards of comfort & cuisine.
For brochures, prices & reservations call KEYTEL INT'L, the official UK agency.
PARADORES 071 402 8182

SWITZERLAND

FROM £111: Summer apts & hotels. Lakes & Mountains Hols. 0329 844405. AITO/ATOL

INTERLAKEN: Mobile Homes on lakeside. Superb scenery car/coach fr £149 0903 743193.

TRADITIONAL Style luxury chalet, pretty village location. Chateau D'oex region: sleeps 12 maximum, available all year, good walking, skiing, spectacular views, from £800pw. Tel 0277 653565 evenings only.

SPECIAL INTEREST

DISCOVER the 'Austrian Tirol by train', Savour the 'Wines of Maderia', and try your hand at 'Painting in the Italian Lakes'. For details of these and all our Discovery holidays phone THE Travel Club of Upminster on 0708 227260 Abta Atol Aito.

PAINTING Holiday, Dordogne. Good food and wine, informal atmosphere, stimulating tuition. Brochure: 081 969 1967.

THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME
● Walk with wolves ● Replant rainforests
● Swim with dolphins ● Discover bones of the past
Join one of over 150 Earthwatch expeditions this summer. To discover more about these opportunities, phone or write (enclosing stamp) NOW.
We need your support.
Ordinary people doing extraordinary things.
Belsyre Court/TSR 57 Woodstock Rd, Oxford OX2 6HU
Tel: 0865 516366
Fax: 0865 311383
EARTHWATCH Charity No. 327017

USA & CANADA

COLARADO Breckenridge spacious mountain hse, decks, view, sun, hot tub. Slps 6-9. From £500pw. 0622 737673.

DISNEY 5 miles. 3 dble bed, 2 bath house. Cable. A/C, tennis, pool, superb location. £285 pw 0783 831327 or 0831 113461.

FLORIDA lux villa, slps 6, free golf, swimming, mins from Disney. Fr £250pw. 0282 867912.

ORLANDO lux air con villa, own pool, 5 mins Disney, safe location. Owner 0743 343725.

WINTER SPORTS

CHAMONIX Catered Chalet excellent position nr lifts, great food, slps 8/10, available March-April 0744 54488

DEPART any day Ski weekends & tailor-made hols with the experts WhiteRoc 071 7921188

DRIVING To the French Alps? Quality Auberge unbelievable value! 15 mins Val d'Isere/Tignes/Les Arcs. From 250FF pppn H/B. Peter 081-244 7600.

SKI PEAK Vaujany/Alpe d'Huez £35/day HB 16-23 April Hotel Rissiou Plse call 0428 682272.

VAL D'ISERE. Quality catered chalet, ensuite, 5 twins, ski to/from door. £250 ex. travel. Brochure: 081 693 2155

VAL D'ISERE. Tignes, St. Foy, 3 Valleys. Apts/chalet. 0246 590444/ 0773 602194.

WEEKEND Skiing Switzerland & France any day tel the experts White Roc 071 792 1188.

SKI PLUS
Fantastic Snow! Fantastic Prices!
Les Arcs, 3 Valleys, Saalbach
CHALET ACCOMMODATION
APRIL £275
inc. FLIGHT, TRANSFERS & HALFBOARD
071 931 9703

SPECIAL INTEREST

SPECIAL INTEREST

Cycling & Walking Holidays
Leisurely tours through beautiful Bavaria. Hand picked hotels. Bicycles provided. Luggage transported.
FREE Brochure from:
Bents Bicycle Tours (ST)
The Priory, High Street, Redbourn, Herts. AL3 7LZ.
0582 793249

WORLD EXPEDITIONS
CYCLE·SAIL·WALK·EXPLORE
Himalaya, India, Sth America, S.E. Asia, Far East, Africa, Europe, and much more...
For a brochure call 0628-74174 (24hrs)
Bonded ABTOT 5017

BUTTERFIELD'S INDIAN RAILWAY TOUR
GREAT RAILWAY JOURNEYS in North/South India or Pakistan by special carriage from £1,195. Burton Fleming, Driffield YO25 0PQ.
Tel: 0262-470230

TENNIS HOLIDAYS
at the Jonathan Markson Algarve Tennis Centre. 15 hour intensive courses. All ages & standards.
For special offers and colour brochure 081 767 8710/ 24 hrs

JOURNEY LATIN AMERICA
• ESCORTED GROUPS
• BESPOKE TOURS
• LOW COST FLIGHTS
14 DEVONSHIRE RD/LONDON W4
TOURS 081 747 8315
FLIGHTS 081 747 3108
FULLY BONDED
ABTA 86321 AITO ATOL 2828

ZIMBABWE
TANZANIA, BOTSWANA
ZAMBIA & NAMIBIA
TAILORMADE SAFARIS
Luxurious remote lodges. Walking, canoeing, riding and vehicle safaris with the very best guides. Superb wildlife. Adventure with comfort.
Call us to create your ideal safari.
Phone John Burdett on (0604) 28979
AFRICA EXCLUSIVE
Hamilton House, 66 Palmerston Rd Northampton, NN1 5EX.

JOURNEYMAN '94/95
Adventure Holidays Worldwide
• U.S.
• MEXICO
• AFRICA
• MIDDLE EAST
• CANADA
• S.E. ASIA
• AUSTRALIA
• NEPAL & INDIA
CALL FOR FREE COLOUR BROCHURE
40 Earls Court, London, W8 6EJ
071-937 8855

UK HOLIDAYS

AVAIL NOW Hampstead superior 3 bed apts. Tel: 081 461 3094 / Fax: 081 459 4422.

COTSWOLDS, Bath, Somerset, Cottages & Apts. Many accept pets. Town & Country Cottages, 22 Charmouth Rd, Bath, BA1 3LJ. Tel. 0225 481764

ACTIVITY HOLIDAYS

CHILDREN and teenage adventure holidays. Choose PGL for safety, reliability and fun! Over 70 exciting holidays at 25 centres UK and abroad. Holidays tailored for all age groups. ABTA bonded (46875). Write: PGL, 731, Penyard Lane, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 5NR. Or phone (0989) 763511.

FAMILY Activity Holidays in the UK and Europe with PGL Adventure, market leader in activity holidays. Multi-activity or specialist holidays for the whole family from beginners upwards. Child discounts available. 37 years experience. 1994 brochure available now on 0989 763511 (24hrs) or write to: PGL Family Adventure, Alton Court, 301 Penyard Lane, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 5NR. ABTA bonded (46875).

SUFFOLK Cycle Breaks. Quality holidays with full back up. W/E or longer. Broch: 0449 721555

CORNWALL & DEVON

A FABULOUS choice of cottage throughout Devon. Devon Rose (0626) 866693

A fine selection of cottages on both coasts of Cornwall and on Scilly. Brochure from Cornish Traditional Cottages (0208) 872559. 7 day personal service 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

ATTRACTIVE 17C cottages, idyllic waterside setting. Also barn conversion, tranquil rural situation. Swimming pool, tennis court, games room. For these and other quality character cottages in beautiful unspoilt areas of Devon. Toad Hall Cottages. 0548 853089

BISHOP'S COURT. Torquay (ETB 4 Crowns Commended). We believe we have created something special for leisure breaks and holidays on the English Riviera. Our magnificent Grade 2 listed building (Agatha Christie's secret hideaway) has been refurbished to its original splendour and in the grounds we have created a garden hotel and a superb health & leisure club featuring indoor bowls, tenpin bowling, snooker lounge, heated indoor swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, steam bath, solaria, gymnasium, floatarium, table tennis, half-court tennis, etc. To tempt you to sample Bishop's Court we are currently offering special value vouchers for all types of accommodation since we find that if you visit us once, you'll want to return. Stay in the mansion house or garden hotel, or enjoy self-catering in our studios or apartments. Have a snack in Agatha's Coffee Lounge; relax with an evening drink in the Passa Tempo Bar; savour delightful cuisine in our elegant restaurant. For brochure, tariff and details of our free accommodation for children, please phone 0803 294649

CARBIS BAY St. Ives. New superb 4 bed 3 bath lux f/furn penthouse s/c flat. Mag sea-views. Lrge lounge/dining area. F/f kit. All amens. Balcony. Pvte Grdns/prking. 061-434 4444 or 0625-582865

CORNWALL/ DEVON. 142 cottages thoroughout. Reas. prices. Tel 0762 260711

CORNWALL Port Isaac Holiday cottage, also house, comfortable, clean. 0208 880406.

DARTMOUTH/KINGSWEAR. Avail now. 2 cottages in pretty farm valley, slps 6/12, beach, coastal walk 1 mile. Childrens playgarden. Tel: 0803 752491.

FALMOUTH area. 3 storey period house for 8 in quiet village with harbour frontage. Colour brochure 0483 773576.

FINE Wine, food, en-suite accom. & rural tranquillity in Dartmoor National Park. Leusdon Lodge Hotel.Johannsen. AA** + Red Rosette. 0364 3304

FINE Wine, food, en-suite accom. & rural tranquillity in Dartmoor National Park. Leusdon Lodge Hotel.Johannsen. AA** + Red Rosette. 0364 3304

NEAR ST MAWES, 16thC hotel in own grounds, edge of sandy beach. Home cooking on an Aga. Good food weekend Guide. Sprg brks. 0872 501241

NORTH DEVON Downrew House Hotel in 11 acres Nr Barnstaple Excellent food & hospitality. Heated pool, snooker etc. Panoramic views. Bargain Breaks. Also s/c Lodge. Brochure 0271 42497/46673.

PADSTOW Trevone All dates, our home, slps 6, dishwasher, garden, pkg, etc. 0841 520970.

POWELLS COTTAGES A range of quality family accomodation across Wales, heart of England & the West Country. Freephone 0800 378771; or tel 0834 813232 (24hrs)

EXMOOR
Come & explore some of the best countryside. Stay in a fully licensed Edwardian Country House set in 25 acres sweeping down to the sea. Excellent food & log fires
SUPER SPRING BREAKS
3 Nts DB&B £108 incl vat
ETB 3 Crowns Highly Commended
Porlock Vale House
Porlock Weir
TEL (0643) 862338

CHILDREN WELCOME
A PARADISE for parents perfect for children. Facilities inc. playgroup entertainment, indoor heated pools, games room, evo baby listening. All rooms ensuite. Superb cuisine. Commended Redlords Country Hotel, Dawlish, Devon, EX7 0QN
Tel : 0626 863322
How about an Easter Break?

CORNWALL & DEVON

SEASIDE COTTAGES For 1994 free colour edition Tel 0237 474680

SPOIL YOURSELVES! In elegant regency Sidmouth at the Fortfield Hotel. Sea facing ensuite rooms. Indoor heated pool. Bed & breakfast from only £19.50 (5 course dinner optional). Tel 0395 512403

TORQUAY - Marina Court. Lovely apts with private balconies overlooking one of Europe's most beautiful bays. Short breaks available. For brochure phone 0803 297612

UNIQUE hol cottages in the West Country. Free col broch. Character Cottages 0282 445134.

WEST CORNWALL PORTHCURNO well equipped house, slps 5, sandy beaches, cliff walks, minack theatre, 5 miles Lands End. 0209 716620.

COTSWOLDS

ABSOLUTE Comfort. Highly commended country cottages. Winchcombe. 0242 602590

ABSOLUTE comfort. Highly commended country cottages. Winchcombe 0242 602390

BEAMED Cotswold Cottage, slps 6, near Oxford & Burford. Details Tel 0993 882564

CHARMING Stone cottage. Beautiful countryside 2 beds. Edge of village. First ad All dates. From £175 pw. 081 742 8929.

STRATFORD lux rural Georgian cottage slps 6. Covered pool & amenities. Broch 0564 792582

UNIQUE hol cottages in the Cotswolds. Free colour broch. Character Cottages 0282 445134.

DORSET, HANTS., & I.O.W.

BEAUTIFUL S/C catering cottages in the rural West Wight for perfect hols. Special Spring low prices. 0983 760 503

EYPE Small quiet site, beach 200 yards, static caravans for hire. pets welcome. 0308 424903

ISLE OF WIGHT. Bembridge. We have a wide selection of self catering family seaside houses, cottages and flats, sleeping 2/12. Bembridge Holiday Homes: 0983 873211.

LYME REGIS Hotel Buena Vista situated in an area of outstanding beauty ETB 3 crowns, AA** and Ashley Courtenay. Bargain breaks now available. Broch/tariff: 0297 442494.

BOURNEMOUTH
Woodcroft Tower Hotel
East Cliff
Superior 40 Bedroom Hotel in an acre of gardens. 5 mins to Sea of Tour Centre. Chief Proprietor — Real Food!
MIDWEEK BREAKS
(to the end of April)
4nts for price of 3! £165 DBB
0202 558202

EAST ANGLIA

LINCS. WOLDS Lux country hse apt, tranquility, lovely views, antiques, CH, £150/300 pw, slps 4. 0526 353242.

RELAXING Holiday Homes throughout Norfolk. Good quality at reasonable cost, slp 2-8, many with bike hire. Norfolk Country Cousins 0692 650286

SNAPE SUFFOLK cottage slps 4-5 lovely views cycles incl. Brochure 0255 241339

COUNTRY & COASTAL COTTAGES
NORTH NORFOLK HOLIDAY HOMES
TEL: 0328 855322

IRELAND

DISCOVER IRELAND in Irish Holiday Farmhouses. Short or long breaks, tour or stay put. Choose from 150 approved farms and enjoy superb food and hospitality. Brochure tel: 0602-500664 24hrs

ENJOY IRELAND 86 page holiday brochure cottages to castles over 1000 properties. Call 0254 692899 ABTA D0577.

IN Dublin's fair City, select Dublin 4, large house to let, available June 19th to 29th July, August 15th to September 3rd. Tel 010 3531 671 3899

IRELAND Shamrock Cottages, 50, High St, Wellington, Somerset. 0823 661060 Col bro 250 select houses. Disc Fares. AITO.

FOUND
By a few wise happy guests who took advice to
GET LOST
in our luxury Connemara Hideaway oasis, by the sea, Rivers, Lakes, Mountains and Beaches.
(Have you found Shangri-La Yet?)
Call for full colour brochure
CASHEL HOUSE HOTEL
Gardens and Riding Stables
CONNEMARA CO.GALWAY
"Miles from Anywhere but only 3 hours from London"
Tel: (01835395) 31001 / Fax: 31077
Open Now Spring Breaks

ACTIVITY HOLIDAYS

SUMMER CAMPS
FOR CHILDREN & TEENAGERS
Caring Experienced Staff / Exciting Fun Activities
DAY CAMPS & RESIDENTIAL CAMPS
Adventure Holidays in Devon, Norfolk, London, Staffs, France & Spain.
CAMP BEAUMONT For a FREE Brochure + Video 0480 456123 (24hrs)
HUNTINGDON CAMBS PE18 6BR

IRELAND

IRISH COUNTRY COTTAGES. 200 Delightful cottages for that very special break. Low Autumn prices - Brochure Phone 0502 560688 (24hrs)

LAKE DISTRICT

COSY cottages in rural Cumbria. Ideal for Northern Lakes & Borders. slps 2/18. Dogs, children welcome. Tel. 06973 51748

CUMBRIAN COTTAGES. 160 lux cottages in superb locations Short brks avail. 0228 862284

DAFFODIL BREAKS Rothay Garth Hotel, Ambleside. Superb value discounts. Critics choice for service, quality and elegance. See the tranquil Lakes in style. Ambleside 05394 32217

GREAT LANGDALE 2 bedroomed self contained cottage in secluded private grounds. Phone 05394 37271

HEART of the Lakes' & Cottage Life have the best selection of self catering holiday homes in Central Lakeland. Fully illustrated brochures. Tel (05394) 32321

SPRING FLOWERS Rothay Garth Hotel, Ambleside. Superb value discounts. Critics choice for service, quality and elegance. See the tranquil Lakes in style. Ambleside 05394 32217

ULLSWATER due to cancellation self catered cottage available April 9th to 23rd, sleeps 4/5, fully equipped, children welcome. Tel. 07684 86514

UNIQUE hol cottages in the Lake District. Free col broch. Character Cottages 0282 445134

WINNER - 'Self-catering Holiday of the Year'. Idyllic cottages in a secret corner of Southern Lakeland. Telephone 05395 36378

LONDON

VICTORIAN Guest House. Excellent rates. Holiday flat sleeps 4 Greenwich Tel. 081 318 5590

NORTHUMBRIA

NORTHUMBRIA Holiday Cottages. 200 excellent properties from cottages to castles. 0668 282040

PEAK DISTRICT

UNIQUE hol cottages in the Peak District. Free col broch. Character Cottages 0282 445134.

SCOTLAND

A STB 5 crown deluxe Farmhouse, slps 6, river/hill views. Perthshire. 0350 723207 24hrs

KNOYDART MALLAIG. On shores of Loch Nevis family home slps 8, 2 recept, 5 bed 4 bath modern kit. No dogs. Car available. Tel: 0703 252617.

LOCH CRAIGNISH Cottages. Ardfern, Argyll. 8 cottages beside sea. 2/4 crowns highly commended S.T.B. Pets welcome. Broch: 085 25 671

PLOCKTON Near Isle of Skye. location of "Inspector Alleyn and mysteries" STB 4 crown commended holiday cottages. Tel: 059 984265

SW SCOTLAND 6 luxury cottages, courtyard setting, indoor pool, sauna, mountain bikes, good golf. Short breaks available. Brochure. 0848 330776

UNIQUE holiday cottages in Scotland. Free colour broch. Character Cottages 0282 445134.

Country Cottages in Scotland
Exceptional holiday properties in the most beautiful areas of Scotland.
FREE 76 PAGE BROCHURE
RING (0328) 864011
QUOTE S408 (24hrs)

SOMERSET & AVON

HIGHLY recommended farm cottage set in glorious countryside. Slps 6 + cot. Brochure & availability. Tel: 0823 672736.

SUSSEX

IDYLLIC oast nr Battle. Antiques, en suite bath, secluded, tennis crt, lux kit, gdn. Slps 8. Broch tel 0436 830831. £300/700pw

WALES

ANGLESEY Cosy S/C cotts, rural & beach locs. Free Col Brochure Tel: 0407 840253 / 840197

GOWER PENINSULA, comfortable hse slps 6 Nat. Trust Area. Close beaches, golf, riding, etc. £80-£210 pw. 081 888 1493.

NORTH WALES Farm Cott. Nr Abersoch. Slps 8, all mod cons, close sea. 0758 712665.

POWELLS COTTAGES A range of quality family accomodation across Wales, heart of England & the West Country. Freephone 0800 378771, or tel 0834 813232 (24hrs)

UNIQUE holiday cottages in Wales. Free colour broch. Character Cottages 0282 445134

YORKSHIRE

DALES Renovated luxury stone barns, sleep 2 to 16, pets welcome. Broch (0729) 840499

UNIQUE hol cottages in Yorkshire. Free colour broch. Character Cottages 0282 445134.

YORK Cent. adj Bishop's Wharf. S/C. E.T.B. 5 key, highly comm, new totally equipped lux 5 bedroomed townhouse. Int designed elegance, slps 2-8. Parking from £250 pw. + sht breaks. Tel 0532 584212.

YORK CITY CENTRE Hotel 50% OFF. Accom/meals. All facs C/park. Abbots Mews Hotel. Brochure (0904) 634866

YORK Up to 50% off. All facilities. Brochure. Heworth Court Hotel. 0904 425156

ACTIVITY HOLIDAYS

WALK THIS WAY

Joining the Ramblers' Association gives you excellent value for money. It also helps us open up all Britain's footpaths, protect the countryside and campaign for public access to mountain, moorland and woodland. For as little as £7.50 a year, you and our countryside can be a lot better off.

This is what membership will bring you:
* Free Yearbook and Accommodation Guide (worth £4.99) with over 2000 places to stay
* Copies of our quarterly magazine Rambling Today
* Free membership of one of our 360 local groups
* Discounts at many outdoor equipment shops

JOIN THE RAMBLERS TODAY!

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms ....
Address ....
.... Postcode .... Date of Birth ....
Please tick box for membership required:
Ordinary £15.00 ☐ *Reduced Ordinary £7.50 ☐ Life membership £300 (£250†) ☐
Family/Joint £19.00 ☐ *Reduced Family/Joint £9.50 ☐ Donation ☐ £ ....
(for 2 adults at the same address)
I enclose £ ST12
* Members under 18, students, retired, disabled or unwaged † For members 60 years and over. Please state date of birth
THE RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION, 1/5 WANDSWORTH ROAD, LONDON SW8 2XX
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 306089

TO ADVERTISE CALL: 071 481 1982

SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

FAX: 071 481 9313

SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

ACCADEMIC & professional ladies & gentlemen alone in East Anglia. & Cambridge College dinner parties. Tel Elizabeth Stuart. Cambridge 328281

A DREAM could become a reality if you call Candleburners! Personal introductions and relaxed social occasions at our Enchanted Evenings for attractive professional people. Please call Cheryl Brown. 071 371 5536

AMERICANS SEEK friendship, romance and marriage with British ladies & gentlemen All ages! English Rose/English Connection (Dept R), Suite 2, 24 Cecil Square, Margate, Kent. Tel/fax 0843-290735. As featured on National Television.

ANTHONY'S super supper party Sat 9 in W1 Elegant prof 35+ £18 50 (charity) 071 986 5789

ARE YOU AN 'ATTACHED' LADY needing a good friend? For your informative newsletter - 081 988 9657 (6pm - 9pm ONLY)

ASIAN PROFESSIONALS INTRODUCTIONS for Asian professional seeking partners. API 081 941 6990

A SINGLE GOURMET Evening Enjoy super dinner parties & meet lots of interesting people. Call Janet 071 243 8699

BIBLIOPHILE? Join Single Booklovers. Europe to meet like minded, unattached people. 24 years experience. Call/Fax: (Spain) 3414293223

BIO - BY INVITATION ONLY almost certainly the UK's largest and most successful social & introduction service EVER for unattached professionals. Every member interviewed at one of our 40 offices nation-wide call Sarah on 0500 121 300

CASCADE......UNATTACHED an opportunity to socialise at our weekly meetings in Bristol, Cardiff, Glos, Bath, Swansea, Taunton, Pembs. Plus dances, dining, walks, sport, weekends away, holidays and so much more! Solely for those aged 30 to 60 For details 0495 755309, 0222 704653, 0749 674093.

JANUS Introduction Bureau est. 1982. Member ABIA. Nationwide professional service for discerning people. Free brochure - write 5 Holly Grove, Tabley, Knutsford WA16 0HR or Tel: (0565) 652816

KIDS2 Introduction Bureau .... The national service for the professional single parent and those happy to meet them ... Gentlemen always welcome. Tel 0252 336497.

NEXUS is not only parties, walks, theatre trips, holidays, and social gatherings - but also being able to meet other unattached people individually. Ring for the brochure Head Office (02374) 71704, (02374) 21619, (0532) 445186, (081) 3676328, (0869) 38801, (041) 2211090, (0202) 761006, (0286) 831599 or (021) 4721968. Not a marriage bureau or dating service.

RICHMOND DINING CLUB Single & interested in wining & dining locally? 081 977 3433

SINGLES DINNER Parties in Yorkshire. Midsummer introductions. Leeds 0532 704805

Music Lovers
Classical Partners
As featured on BBC Radio 3. For the shared enjoyment of Classical Music. The ideal way to meet your kind of person. Members nationwide. Tel. 081 983 0211 office 0923 853826 Eves & W/Ends

Dateline
with DATELINE GOLD, our executive service, is the world's leading most successful agency. Countless thousands have found their perfect partner. YOU TOO CAN FIND LOVE Free details: Dateline (S048) 23 Abingdon Rd., London W8 or Tel: 071 938 1011 ABIA

Preludes
PERSONAL INTRODUCTIONS
The agency for the Cotswolds and the West. All members interviewed
Ring Jane or Lloyd 0285 862446

Camelot
A discreet and caring introduction service for people who are ready to nurture a long term relationship
"Camelot have created happiness for me" Miss S, Knightsbridge
Call us for a brochure 081 680 8526 (24 hours) Nationwide

SURREY INTRODUCTIONS. For professional, executive, personable individuals. 0483 799019 or 0836 274837 24hrs

THAI SUAI Marriage introductions to exceptional selection charming, educated Thai ladies. Details phone: 071 350 1261

THE DINNER CLUB Singles dining in Ches. Lancs. Yorks. N.Wales. Shrops. Staffs. Derbys. Devon. Hereford & Worcs. W Mids. Cotswolds. Warwicks & growing. Details M'ship or Bus opps for hosts (0244) 520078

'THIS PICTURE Dating idea is brilliant' Capital Radio, for details call 071 839 8884 (day) 081 297 1424 (anytime) ABIA

LADIES

ABSOLUTELY fabulous attractive brunette (very young 34), London based but too busy jetsetting to find a meaningful relationship seeking tall, cute man who can stand the pace! My loves include music from rock to opera, good food, wine, loads of laughs & languages (all the better to whisper sweet nothings!). I'm a real softie at the sight of a dog (the Andrex variety!) My knight in shining armour will be an executive 28/42, strong but sensitive, with GSOH, style & masses of charm. A sporty man to get me into shape would be irresistable but brains would be even more of a bonus. Exotic holidays and lots of TLC could be my package to you. Do you have what it takes? Photo please. Reply box no 6718

A CARING attractive fun lady, 45. London based enjoys music, theatre, movies, walking and wild life. Seeks an animal loving male for companionship and romance. Reply Box No 6956

A CLASSY cogent very attractive slim caring feminine professional 45 with GSOH wishes to meet kindred spirit, central England Photo please. Box 6777

ACTIVE bright-eyed, smiling lady, mid young forties, wishes for a prof/city man to join her in fun, laughter, and love. Are you that special man, 45-55, NS? Box No 6793

AFFLUENT, cultured, kind, caring, public-school gentleman preferably based in Central London or Oxon/ Glos/Worcs, sought by well-off lady 49 of similar background with view to a loving marriage. I am 5ft 7in. tall, slim, blonde and considered very good-looking and elegant, a talented homemaker, cook/florist, vivacious, very loving and romantic with a lively mind and GSOH, who enjoys both London and country life. Please Reply to Box No 6938

AGE? What age! I'm much the same at 59 Young (good) looking. Art Designer. Petite & personable. Seeks genuine kind ed. gentleman 60's-70's for a happy lasting shared togetherness. Photo app. Reply Box No 6705

A green-eyed very good looking brunette, highly educated professional (one daughter) seeks compatible man who is extremely successful in his own field, 38-45 N/S, London. Prefer has own or likes children. Photo please to Box No 6778

A MAN for all seasons required for 40 something woman to share lifes joys & sorrows. Many & varied interests. Life is too short to be alone. Please Reply to Box No 6975

SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

ALL BOX NO REPLIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:
BOX No____
BOX NO. DEPT
P.O. BOX 484
VIRGINIA STREET,
WAPPING
LONDON
E1 9DD

PERSONAL Touch
A discerning introduction service for today's professional people.
071 915 0115 / 0117
Kensington W.8.

JOIN CINELINK
and meet new friends who share your interest in Film and the Arts
Special offer for gents 40+.
081 800 4822
or send an S.A.E. to: 138 LORDSHIP RD LONDON N16 OQL
LONDON ONLY

A man for all seasons reqd for 40-something woman to share lifes joys & sorrows, may varied interests. Life is too short to be alone. Reply to Box No 6973

AMERICAN beuty, vivacious, passionate, romantic, loving, loyal, well educated, youthful 45, loves culture, travel, adventure, knowledge, truth, seeks non smoking quality man living outside of Britain for whirlwind romance and exciting, gloriously happy lifelong partnership. Photo apprc. Please Reply to Box No 6967

AM I REALLY doing this! Fit, fun, healthy & attractive American business woman 40's seeks like minded professional male to get to know photo & note would be nice. reply to Box No 6963

AN alluring sultry Brunette tall slender classy stylish vivacious well spoken warm hearted good background is looking for a special man 40-60 to start a wonderful future. Reply to Box No 6969

AN 11 out of 10, beautiful blonde, slim, London based American seeks successful tall man, 40-50, N/S who likes travel, sport, opera, antiques art, all, medicine & cats. Photo please to Box No 6927

ARE you a country gentleman seeking attractive, elegant & creative partner? Straightforward, educated farmer /professional sought by youthful 40 year old to share sense of the ridiculous, life's ups and downs with appreciation of dogs /horses. Own country pursuits consultancy.Box No 6699

ARE you looking for a happy warm sensual relationship? If you are N/S 50-60 and feel you want love and laughter, please send me your photo and phone no: I'm an attractive, slim, sophisticated solvent divorcee of 50 with catholic tastes and alot of living to do. Central London. Reply to Box No 6948

ARE you tall and good looking and into the Arts, and seeking a blonde with sensuous parts? An Artist am I and sensitive too, with GSOH, NS, RU27 I need TLC but can give this as well so write to me now and I'll give you a bell. Box No 6887

ARE you a tall successful man 50's who drives a fast car and seeks romance and a like mind to share distant holidays? I am a tall blond with similar lifestyle. Photograph please. Berkshire. Please Reply to Box No 6738

ARE you ready to change your life & mine? Lady 50's slim attractive likes Opera/Music, Travel, Theatre, Bridge seeks male 50-60 kind, honest, GSOH, active. Surrey/Hants. Photo pl. Box No 6910

ARTISTIC feminine professional lady divorced NS loved classical music theatre travel country walks candlelit dinners seeks tall graduate male 48+ for friendship love & laughter. Photo please. W.Herts. Reply Box No 6828

ATTRACTIVE widow feels life could be fun again - with the right man! She - impeccable background, financially OK, active, varied interests, including opera, travel points east. He - retired professional. Pub. Sch. 60's, cosmopolitan outlook, enjoying town/country life. Pref. n/s prepared for a Grand Passion or companiable life! Letter most important. Please reply to Box No 6964

ATTRACTIVE SRN intelligent, perceptive, kind, adventurous, ns, SOH. Cultural and outdoor interests. Solvent. Seeks successful gentleman. 60's, to share all aspects of life and love to infinity: My house N.West. Your house? Distance a challenge! Box No 6707

ATTRACTIVE, warm, sensual, green eyed brunette. Loves socialising, theatre, music, keeping fit, country walks and reading. Seeks similar, tallish, honest, funny, attractive, kind, romantic, forties gentleman. South West London, photo appreciated. Box No 6846.

MEET attractive, sexy women at London Singles' parties. Call Meet 'n' Eat on 071 629 5534

SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

M & F AGENCY
Est 1958
IMMEDIATE JEWISH INTRODUCTIONS
A widely recommended, highly successful service. Professional/executive people. Photographs available. Moderate fee. All age groups welcome
081 340 5616

WIDENING YOUR SOCIAL CIRCLE
The choice is yours with Julia's Singles Directory. We specialize in London & the South East
Special offer £39.95. 15 month membership.
Phone now: 0483 894923.

ATTRACTIVE warm, vibrant, professional lady 50+ living in a beautiful part of South Wales. Enjoys music, theatre, sea, sunpeople, humour. Would like to meet open minded, intelligent & loving man for fun & friendship. Reply to Box No 6853

ATTRACTIVE feminine lady lovely home country, looking for that special someone to share it with. Interests country walks, reading, theatre, travel, having fun, older man pref. Surry area. Reply Box No 6729

ATTRACTIVE lady 40's London prof. background hotel & catering. Hopes to like-minded high profile gentleman to share mutual interests business & pleasure. UK or overseas. Please Reply to Box No 6843

ATTRACTIVE Indian female 30 graduate, owns car house in London seeks long term commitment with solvent business or professional gentleman. Please Reply to Box No 6788

ATTRACTIVE, slim, gentle Chinese lady 5'4" early 30's in London seeks good intelligent businessman (?) with sense of humour, for lasting relationship. Box No 6751

ATTRACTIVE Intelligent slim female, no ties seeks tall caring romantic cultured male late 40's - mid 50's to enjoy life with. Central/SW. Please Reply to Box No 6989

ATTRACTIVE Lady, late 40's seeks personable gentleman similar age or older, living in London to accompany her on the Capital's social activities. Please Reply to Box No 6970

ATTRACTIVE female (37), quick witted linguist enjoys sport, cooking, music, seeks affable teddy bear. S.E. London/ Surrey Photo app. Box No 6826

ATTRACTIVE successful outgoing lady 40's sensual & sophisticated seeks handsome lover with class & charisma London. Photo pls. Box 6748

ATTRACTIVE, creative, caring adventurous successful lady seeks attractive loving successful man 40-50. Photo apprec. Please Reply to Box No 6902

ATTRACTIVE lady 40's seeks genuine prof. gentleman. W.Midlands based. Photo & letter please. Reply Box No 6836

ATTRACTIVE amusing 41 W1. Sensual and intelligent, stylish petite romantic desires older wealthy male. Box No 6952

BARRISTER'S/Solicitor's classy sophisticated 32 year old lady looking for help with legal studies & hopefully something more! Photo req. Box No 6740

BERKSHIRE Brunette, 33, seeks someone most special to share matrimony, mutual molestation, magical memories, mushy moments & motherhood; and wants to be cuddled, cared for and cherished. Box No 6832

BOURNEMOUTH, beautifully slim blonde, business lady 40's seeks gentleman solvent up to 65 yrs for happy times together. Bournemouth or anywhere. Please write to Box No 6753

BRIGHT SPARK, very attractive fifty something divorced woman Oxbridge educated, warm, witty civilised, articulate & domestic looking for compatible, caring man pref London, unattached, non Tory-voter. Photo? Box No 6787

BRIGHT and lively loyal and loving. I am a busy professional lady. NW based searching for cultured caring gent to adore. Please Reply to Box No 6805

BUBBLY blonde into sailing singing and travel seeks relaxed relationship with warm intelligent lively male 40s N/S. Picture appreciated. Box No 6940

BUBBLY blond with birthday looming requires exciting escort for celebration. Reply now to Box No 6798

CAPTIVATING woman. 35, seeks erudite male for love, laughs & letters. Photo appreciated. Please Reply Box No 6951

CHANNEL ISLAND'S lady. Mid 40's. Divorced secretary/PA. tall, attractive, extrovert with fair hair. One untidy teenage son & two overweight cats. Would like to meet sincere gentleman to share her life. Humour essential. Box No 6747

"CHAPLESS in Cheshire" 41 optimist, linguist, sporty, into the arts, seeks 40's man with wit culture and understanding this might be the beginning of something special. Please Reply to Box No 6804

SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

Dinner Dates
AS SHOWN ON BBC'S FOOD & DRINK GMTV & LWT AND YOU AND YOURS
Wonderful dinner parties for groups of professional single people in top restaurants & nightclubs in London, North West & South East England. Special Events, weekends away, foreign holidays.
081 741 1252 (London)
0978 823680 (N.W.)
081 658 9441 (S.E.)

CHARMING professional 38 enjoys travel, sport, fine food/wine seeks professional man 34-42, sincere, active, GSOH essential, photo please. Reply to Box No 6725

CHARMING 51 from Far East seeks intelligent, broadminded, humorous, art loving, nonsmoking gentleman. London. Photo please. Please Reply to Box No 6819

CHESHIRE based Irish prof. lady of sensitivity & refinement (55) very feminine, solvent, seeks solvent professional gent n/s 50+ to share cultural interests, sport, golf, country life, travel & holidays, would welcome replies.Box No 6735

4 CHESHIRE females attractive intelligent sociable, would like to arrange a convivial evening with 4 similar males, who are tall, single, prof. age 36-45 (solo or group replies). Box No 6772

CLARE charming feminine warm elegant widow N/S seeks man (58-70) educated and fun for a life enhancing relationship. Photo essential. Box No 6822

CLARE charming feminine warm elegant widow N/S seeks man (55-70) educated and fun for a life enhancing relationship. Photo essential. Box No 6822

CONTINENTAL attractive widow, mid 60s, cultural, sporting, politics & more interests - used to good living - seeks caring, intelligent and sincere companion - a gentleman of the old school - for a genuine and considerate friendship. Please Reply to Box No 6674

COSMOPOLITAN Renaissance/ Baroque music loving Intellectual Patrician, 50-60 N/S, 6'+ to escort tall elegant widowed Lawyer. London. Reply Box No 6796

COTSWOLDS - attractive slim artistic fun-loving countrywoman (46) seeks sincere romantic countryman n/s. Please Reply to Box No 6730

COUNTRY-LOVING Granny, well-educated and living in beautiful house overlooking Solent near Lymington. Loves sailing, art, music, gentle pursuits and fond of animals and humanity. Grandsons great wind-surfers when they visit. Would like widower or grandpa-type to share house. Please Reply to Box No 6771

CULTURED countrywoman, widow good-humoured, kind, slim and attractive, now finding playing patience and talking to flowers beginning to pall seeks friendship of similar country gentleman, young 60's whose interests include the arts, gardening, bridge. Please Reply to Box No 6722

CURVACEOUS, bright, stylish, brunette (38) with warm heart & positive outlook seeks tall, confident, caring man (n/s) based S.E. Long letter & photo please. Reply to Box No 6698

DEVON. Happy fulfilled, workaholic lady has everything in life - career, period home, beloved daughters, friends - except hugs at the end of the day...looking for tall NS articulate man 50ish to share a (Dis)graceful middle age. Reply to Box No 6904

DISCERNING Attractive lady seeks sincere fellow 60 plus with Joie De Vivre to enjoy music, theatre, travel London/SE. Box No 6899

DISCREET Romance sought Lon/Overseas by longhaired Fem. 26 attractive, with handsome v. established impulsive man. Reply to Box No 6860

DO you miss the female touch? Tall, professional, 48-58? Cultural interests, food, travel? Willing to share TLC in good times & bad? Solvent? Why not exchange alternative CV's with attractive 40 something female. London/SE. Box No 6744

EASY going home loving kind of pretty fiftysomething financially independant seeks NS gentleman with funds willing to relocate Channel Isles. Please Reply to Box No 6903

EDUCATED tall elegant NS professional female 45 seeks similar male. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 6914

ELEGANT attractive professional lady late 40's, interests arts, travel, family, life, seeks interesting educated professional gent to share leisure time. Photo app. Please Reply to Box No 6775

ELEGANT, eloquent lady graduate, sensual, sensitive, at home UK + Germany. Joie de Vivre, art, class. Music. Horses etc. Seeks affl. stylish gentleman. 45-55. Reply to Box No 6918

EXTREMELY attractive blonde with brains N/S vibrant rare variety shapely sensual 40s affectionate caring elegant artistic good hostess bi/ling desires relationship kind loving gentleman intelligent solvent successful 45+ Surrey London Please Reply to Box No 6670

SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

Next Party! FREE
Classical Concert
April 9th
Call 071 437 0423
ABIA MEMBER

ALL BOX NO REPLIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:
BOX No____
BOX NO. DEPT
P.O. BOX 484
VIRGINIA STREET,
WAPPING
LONDON
E1 9DD

JANE CHALMERS SINGLES DIRECTORY
The most successful and inexpensive way to find your ideal partner. Strictly confidential. NO age limit, NO interviews, NO computers. Nationwide. Free brochure.
081-394-2584 (24 hrs)

Estab. 1988 **Sara Eden** ABIA Member
"An Elite Introduction Agency"
Windsor 0753 830350

FUN LOVING German prof lady loves cinema, theatre, talks, walks, travel. N/S. Aquarian age conscious, 49, looking for like minded man, romance? Friendship? Reply Box 6780

GARBO was wrong. I need a co-star! 52, slim, fair, lively, feminine, blue-eyed n/s. South. Please Reply to Box No 6736

GENUINE, vivacious, pretty, single, continental lady in her mid 30's, professional. London-based and well-travelled seeks similar man to share life of loyalty. Reply to Box No 6913

GOOD LOOKING - so I'm told, 6' tall, slim, short dark hair, my personal qualities are: caring, reliable, genuine, considerate, honest, supportive, sense of humour and a non smoker. Varied interests: cinema, art, music, keeping fit, travel, dining in/out and reading. I am also easy going and 37 years of age. I seek an attractive woman of comparible interests. Please Reply with photo. Box No 6934

GOOD wife material - genuine, honourable, caring, loving nature, early 60's, not unattractive, shapely - enjoys sunshine, rockpools, trees, children, animals, country kitchens (with Aga) nice people, painting, sports & antiques, hopes to meet strong, happy, solid soulmate near Cotswolds - photo if possible. Box No 6818

GREEN EYED brunette, warm, intelligent, professional. Seeks handsome, solvent, professional single man for socialising. 5'9"+ 35-45. N/S. London area. Photo plse to Box No 6946

HAPPY romantic woman, 45, slim, creative, diverse interests, seeks cultured, successful amusing man for relationship Cambs/Beds/Herts. Please Reply to Box No 6724

HAPPY Ash Blonde Lady 55 seeks tall widower to share music, travel, dining. Photo please. North London. Please Reply to Box No 6906

HELLO chaps, I'm slim redhaired sophisticated warm lively. I love bridge, tennis, theatre, walkies. Are you 40s, 50s, kind, clean, educated & free Sats - forever? W.Sussex. Please Reply to Box No 6671

INDEPENDENT classy lady seeks tall Public School educated achieving gentleman, mid 50s, to share walking, music, art, travel interests. South. Please Reply to Box No 6928

INTELLIGENT attractive lady slim, caring, vibrant & fit interests classical music, theatre, art, travel, country seeks prof man 60's tall, N/S with integrity & humour. Hants. Photo please to Box No 6968

INTERNATIONALLY travelled artistic Francophile 5'7" early forties with a lot of style and wit seeks tall handsome soulmate to share my joie de vivre forever. Please Reply to Box No 6829

JEWISH widow, youthful 70, living 2 hrs from London, attractive, lively, cultured, seeks companion for travel, weekends and other amusements. Please Reply Box 6789

KATHARINE ALLEN. "The Ultimate in made-to-measure Marriage Bureaux" (S. Tel.). Est. 1960. 18 Thayer St. London W1M 5LD. Tel: 071-935 3115

KNIGHTSBRIDGE Lady, 29 yrs old, of character, beauty, intelligence, warmth, seeks emotionally mature gentleman of status who enjoys the Arts, travel etc. and loves quality and luxury, for serious friendship /relationship any age.Box No 6823

LADY Golfer, Attr, Slim, Blonde, 43, Widow, seeks male counterpart, Wide Int. inc. Sport, Keep Fit, Bridge, Painting etc. Please Reply to Box No 6878

LADY 52 living SW/Central England seeks intelligent articulate friend possible partner and pen-friend from people who hold family and friends dear, for whom simple pleasures loyalty friendship commitment warmth sincerity are an integral part of life. Box No 6838

LADY, 64, slim attractive romantic n/s. seeks gent for love, companionship, hopefully forever - Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, East Anglia. Box No 6728

LADY S.West longs to relinquish career to tend beautiful gardens plus wealthy man with hazel eyes! Please Reply Box No 6861

LATIN AMERICAN successful business lady, chose this way, for lack of time to find equally solvent, honest, witty partner, who enjoys dancing, musicals, dining out and travelling, for lasting relationship. Photo will be app. Reply Box No 6846

LEO lady musician V. young 60, 5ft 8in. Attractive, grownup children. Interests: the arts, books, T.V. scrabble, travel, london, country, antiques etc - hates rows & housework: seeks soulmate similar age, tall, successful, interesting, reasonably affluent & honest. No false teeth, wigs, or really disgusting habits. Photo please. Please Reply to Box No 6931

LEO lady 46. Bright, fun caring outgoing independant. Interests: Antiques/Junk/Art, Yoga, Swimming, Business + Property. Based S. Wilts. + France. Seeks Soulmate. Box No 6917

LET'S enjoy the Spring/Summer! Country walks/pub lunches: theatres/dinners: travel/home: anything/everything! If you are a happy soul, genuine, mature, kind, humorous and interesting and seek a warm, sane(ish!) lady (40s) to share whatever life throws at us, please write!! London/ South East. Box 6892

LOVELY widow of faithful scallywag wants same again under 65. Box No 6597

SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

VIRGINIA CHARLES
The exclusive introduction agency for people of quality and integrity
April House
Shilton Oxfordshire OX18 4AB
Telephone [illegible]

LONDON AREA Now something different you will find. If macho thoughts you leave behind. Baggage of the past forget, a new adventure now begin. A whole new life we could explore, just open wide your heart - the door. Are you 54+, relaxed, kind, and successful? Then write with telephone number to Box No 6726

LONDON Attractive strawberry blonde, 38, 5'9", slim lady, seeks beau with twinkling eyes and love in his heart. If you're attractive, late 30s/40s, tall, fit, ambitious, GSOH, I'd like to pull your heart strings. Reply with photo to Box No 6984

LONDON lady, 60's, very attractive, educated, warm, sincere, with style and humour, seeks civilised professional man for friendship and perhaps romance. Please Reply with photo to Box No 6691

LONDON based attractive slim vivacious adventurous sincere lady 43 varied interests. Seeks presentable resourceful fun-loving gent 38-48 photo app. Please Reply to Box No 6936

MAN Sought/Desired: Passionate/Compassionate, of sound experience and principles, knowing of high spirits and existential angst, 38-51, NS, South, London, by tall, fair female. Tel No. Photo appreciated. Reply Box No 6862

"ME, waiting until nearly fifty to credit marvels" OK. So here I am, a woman who rejoices to be one, crediting marvels. How, where and with whom do I spend the second half of my life? It's exciting and scarey. "today well lived makes every yesterday a memory of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope" If you go with that, like walking under stars, breaking bread, drinking wine, being a member of the human race and would like to meet, write, with a photo of the face behind your words. Tell me what makes you laugh and cry, what gives you joy and pain. Be straight with me. Wessex & Normandy based. Have passport. Can travel. Carpe diem. Please Reply to Box No 6628

MIDLANDS prof female with many friends + a good social life, seeks a similar male to be a special friend & more.Box 6831

MY house is too big, my children have flown, my bed is for two, but I'm in it alone. So Old Father Times, please find me a man who's tall and good looking. And then, if you can - Make him fond of the country, And beautiful walks, And drinks in the pub, And long intimate talks. He'll have to be 60, and then some as well, 'Cos I'm 63 (though it's quite hard to tell). I'm sick of the tele And fireside chair. I need to be rescued By someone out there! Surrey. Box No 6260

N.W. A lively sensual artist 50, seeks creative handsome generous male GSOH. Photo please. Box No 6755

NW BASED, Tall, attractive lady with interests ranging from abseiling to Yahtzee seeks similar male to spend time (A lifetime?) with. Please reply to Box No 6967

OUTGOING, sociable, attractive, cultured lady, mid 40's, near Canterbury seeks educated (public school), sophisticated, vivacious gentleman 50-60 for sincere relationship. Box No 6907

OVER 69? Somewhere hopefully is a delightful gentleman with a lovely smile and humour who would renew sparkle and affection in a lasting relationship. Gran, Widow, Mum, Lake District willing to travel. You under 70? Lets get in touch. Please Reply to Box No 6859

PERSONABLE single lady, 38, no dependents, home and career Norfolk, wishes to broaden horizons. Offering humour, integrity and sensitivity. Seeking similar gentleman. Please Reply to Box No 6882

PETITE widow attractive prof caring lady with lively personality. Seeks unattached refined caring gentleman N/S 55/65 GSOH to share wide interests including art, golf, skiing, travel, fun & laughter. Surrey. Sussex. Kent. Hants. Box 6944

RED-HEADED lady 31 recently separated with one child seeks her Knight in Shining Armour for much T.L.C. Photo essential for a reply. Box No 6742

SCANDINAVIAN Ex-Model private Surrey estate early 50's easy going enjoys travel seeks distinguished International executive male. Please Reply to Box No 6920

SCOTSMAN (or other self-assured man) sought by warm-hearted, attractive, independent lady who is tired of frail egos. Are you a marauding Celt and over 46? I'm in the South East, where are you? Box No 6739

SHE is often chic, kittenish, compassionate, imaginative. Homeloving, x stewardess N/S. Divorced. Indulging her 50's in Surrey. You, capable amour. Steady, with wisdom wit some success. In return my utmost! Recent photo, letter please to Box No 6682

SINCERE Surrey widow 48 seeks intelligent businessman (?) with sense of humour for friendship fun and laughter. Please Reply to Box No 6916

SOCIABLE attractive widow 2 young sons at home wishes to step out with a cultured articulate man of wisdom and integrity. Surrey area pref. Please Reply to Box No 6817

SPRING into action: Write to long-legged green-eyed prof lady, fun, fit, 40 + feels fabulous, hopes to share interests in horses, arts, food, travel. Rugby based. Reply to Box No 6921

STRIKINGLY attractive slim intelligent sophisticated elegant warm affectionate professional lady of 38 5ft 4ins n/s who appreciates quality and class. Seeks very smart man of integrity a well educated highly successful man in his field n/s 40-50. Surrey/London area. Recent photo and phone no please. Reply to Box No 6854

STRIKING slim sensual brunette lady with style 40 something seeks discerning prof/business gent who is unattached. West Yorks area. Please Reply to Box No 6766

SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

DRAWING DOWN THE MOON
THE THINKING PERSON'S INTRODUCTION AGENCY

"...an agency people rave about..." Cosmopolitan
071-937 6830 411 3111
Est'd 1984 Member ABIA

SIRIUS
THE INTELLIGENT PERSON'S INTRODUCTION AGENCY
We provide a nation-wide service for the intelligent, articulate and well educated person. We are as selective as you are and our service is very different. Call us for our brochure (24 hrs).
Southern Office 071-256 6123 · Northern Office 0625 860 924 · Scottish Office 031-225 3606

Company
The introduction agency for mature minds and young hearts. Let us help you find romance and friendship, and begin a new way of life.
English, French, and German spoken.
Call 081 201 8392 now for details.

SUCCESSFUL Sarah (tall, 39 and slender) seeks sailor (or similar) for all the good things in life beginning with 'S'. Please reply with snapshot to Box 6813

SURREY Aquarian lady very attractive 50's seeks independent gentleman of integrity who understands the meaning of romance - with similar interests i.e. theatre/dining, cruising, tennis, golf, bridge and homemaking. Life is too short to spend alone, are you the one for me? Please forward recent photograph (guaranteed return) and tel no to Box No 6689

SWEET GIRL wasting away urgently needs valued friend. Brilliance/passion in exchange for loyalty/virility Box 6732

TALL blonde lady, 38, NW London, cultured, warm, wide interests and happy outlook, seeks fulfilling relationship with intelligent, considerate, prof man who is fun to be with. Photo appreciated. Box 6799

TALL, kind P/S man loving laughter /food /animals/ home - not arty - sought by tall, warm, attractive woman (47) living S.W. London. Please Reply to Box No 6827

TALL Slim Attractive Lady 35 needs Prof Tall Attractive Gent to show her there's more to life than driving into London everyday! Photo Please. Box No 6874

UNIQUE woman, early 40's with successful business, confident, intelligent independent, happy, humorous & affectionate, would like to enjoy free time with a similar man. Please write with phone number to Box No 6894

V.ATTRACTIVE caring Sussex lady 29 wide interests two sons seeks charming reliable single professional man to share future with. Please Reply with photo to Box No 6746

VERY merry spinster early 40's slim, curvy, sensual with brains, style & ambition seeks prof man friendship initially. London. Our secret. Box 6673

VIVACIOUS optimistic blonde lost in London/South after years on Continent seeks tall dark 40's man who loves good books, food, wine, Verdi, Wagner, Italy. Photo to: Box 6808

WANTED Exceptional nice caring modest successful gentleman 40ish lovely smile, fun, sociable, very solvent for similar pretty blonde quality widow Brighton based, photo appreciated. Box No 6790

WARMHEARTED, slim, attractive, stylish Sussex lady comfortable lifestyle, no ties, zest for life, countryside, the arts seeks N/S Partner 56 to 66. Please Reply to Box No 6901

WARM slim attractive city professional, 34, who enjoys theatre, cinema, galleries, good food, travelling world, seeks interesting professional/ businessman 35-45 to share her love of life. Box No 6805

WARM vivacious intelligent professional lady 40s enjoys food wine, conversation, arts, travel, naturally curious, n/s. GSOH seeks NW male to share and discover life's wonders. Box 6750

WARM witty attractive slim female seeks similar male (45+) with a view to a sharing caring relationship and lots of TLC? Photo/phone please. Box 6783

WIDOW 64 NS SOH wide interests domestic social cultural travel hopes to meet genuine sincere compatible male counterpart Cheshire. Box No 6900

WOMAN 42 Artist has a hankering after a harmoniously eccentric man. Talented funny solvent sharp kind warm adult 46-55. Reply to Box No 6897

YORKSHIRE Leeds. Attractive elegant independent lady warm vibrant SOH seeks tall handsome man 45-55 intelligent sincere sporty high profile in business MD or similar. Please Reply to Box No 6596

YOUNG 60 looking for gentleman good background well educated for friendship. Interests classical music, opera, blues loves animals, wining and dining. If you are out there please reply. Photo not necessary personality is. London. Please Reply to Box No 6580

GENTLEMEN

AAA Quality Sussex Man 37 Slim, attractive intelligent world travelled sporty enjoys culture seeks slim sensual woman 27-37 for honest loving romantic relationship. Photo - Tel ensures reply. Box No 6879

ADVENTUROUS, cultured exciting unusual creative NW3 guy (43) seeks inspirational physical open woman for everything. Faint hearts 'beware! Photo please to Box No 6761

AFFECTIONATE male, 44, 6ft, attractive, intellectual and sensual, with a GSOH, seeks a warm, intelligent lady for kisses, cuddles and good conversation. Lives Herts. Please Reply to Box No 6980

AFFECTIONATE handsome 6' post-grad. student in Norway 27 wants sweet older lady for 2-way love. Can travel. Box 6414

A good-looking male, prof. Loves watersports & skiing, seeks slim attractive girl 26-35. Photo guarantees reply. Box No 6773

ALL WORK and no play etc. Public school master, 38, seeks some balance and fun. Romantic, sentimental, humble origins, love music, dining out. Sussex. Please Reply to Box No 6958

AMERICAN Psychologist 6' N/S Hampstead heath. GSOH, seeks lady 48+ for walks, music. Photo helpful. Please Reply to Box No 6898

AMUSING nice looking Gemini mid 40's seeks slim humorous lady interested in sailing, dining & spontaneous weekend travel - Cumbria. Reply Box No 6941

A prof. gentleman, 68, 5'7" fit, irreverent, own flat, wicked SOH, affairs sound. Seeks in or around London happy 50ish lady, elegant, n/s, solvent, to enjoy and share life, travel, walking, intellectual and cultural interests, dancing and good food. Reply Box No 6796

AQUARIAN graduate, 37 N/S, GSOH, caring nature, likes entertaining + countryside, is looking for an intelligent, professional lady to fulfil his dream. Reply to Box No 6717

ARE you a single / divorced mother who is under 36, attractive, slim, lively, stylish and feminine? I'm 35, tall, sincere, successful, happy, prof, usual interests seeking you. Photo please to Box No 6811

SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

WE MAKE MEETING THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE A PLEASURE.
Are you a professional who'd rather not be single? Circles brings people together at a superb calendar of events. Parties and Dinner Parties, The Theatre and Concerts, The Races, Wimbledon and Polo. At last, single professionals can enjoy companionship in discreet groups of like minded people.
Circles
Tel: 081 426 9168

ARE you a clever independently minded tall lady in her 30s with a wicked sense of humour who lives in Central England some of the time? Please write with pic to an overeducated but reasonably fit and decent businessman aged 41 who likes beaches and Beethoven, we may both get a pleasant surprise? Box No 6880

ARE you curvy and seek graduate N/S Opera/Trvl/ Sport fan 55+ Lon/SE Photo to Box No 6893

ARISTOCRATIC Adonis, civilised interests, linguist, international career, classic background and education awaits tongue in cheek Aphrodite 40-50. Box 6456

ARTISTIC Man, 48, musical, kind happy, likes books, good music fresh air! Seeks fun, love & perhaps family life N/E London. Reply to Box No 6928

ATTRACTIVE 48 tall well travelled batman with many interests in art, antiques, politics, looks for the compn. of 30-45 lady for occasional day-eve timeout & travel. Box No 6760

ATTRACTIVE Professional man, young 43 with varied interests, relaxed, easy going and still looking for that special lady. West London base. Please Reply to Box No 6862

ATTTRACTIVE economist tall, 37, dark, distinguished, seeks a prof partner to share life's successful - Home Counties. Photo with reply to Box No 6781

AUSTRALIAN 48 5'8" young fit Handsome loyal affectionate professional seeks elegant lady to 30 for relocation and soul mate. Photo for reply. Please Reply to Box No 6876

CAMBS Area Man turned 50. Fit. Good looking 6ft. Plus slim fur on top, grad. music lover much travelled and successful company owner amicably divorced since '92, seeks very attractive partner for life ideally petite grad. brunette, with laughter lines write with photo Please Reply to Box No 6869

CARING. Romantic. Attractive, fun loving, professional Engineer 6'2" Widower in NW enjoys country life, walking, sailing, skiing, dining dancing, winter holidays in Sun, coffee and cuddles with sunday papers. Seeks attractive slimish lady to love and nurture Photograph please Box No 6911

CHARMING young lady with literary talent and a sense of humour, who would like to assist as personal assistant to an equally charming gentleman, (presently living in Paris) and on his way to worldwide fame, is invited to help him write a book. This opportunity merits serious reflection. Motivated? Send your letter, resumé and photo to: A. Engineering, 139 bd St. Germain, 75006 Paris.

COME, fly with me, let us soar to heaven on wings of love. Together we will explore the world, finding joy in each day. I am Scorpio, a Golden Eagle, fierce strong, gentle. Fit, 47, healthy, affluent, NS. I seek a lovley lady, bright, slim and sexy, to be my partner, lover, friend. A professional who values her mind as well as her body, who will fight for truth and justice. Please send letter and photo to Box No 6727

CONTINENTAL gentleman single (Latin) handsome wealthy intelligent based London wishes to meet a beautiful elegant lady mid 40's medium height for romance travel and more. Photo essential. Please Reply to Box No 6844

CONTINENTAL gentleman, 43, div, prof. into visual arts, languages, Italy, home and nature seeks N/S lady similarly oriented prfbly without children for sincere romance. Photo app. (will be returned). Please Write to Box No 6983

COSMOPOLITAN educated gentleman seeks lady 30-45 for permanent relationship. Many interests including opera, ballet, books. London - S/E. Photo much. please. Box No 6909

CREATIVE witty tall n/s male forties, London seeks sensual slim soulmate U-45. Photo? ALA. Reply to Box No 6821

DESIGNER 36, 5'9" successful own comp, oriental appearance. Into: Travel sport Fitness & life, seeking slim female to bring back smile. Photo please. North London. Herts. Box 6908

DESIRABLE Mancunian male intellectual, non-smoking fit 50, seeks mutual inspiration with youthful attractive highly intelligent feminine Muse. Curriculum vitae to Box No 6758

DIRECTOR/Founder of Christian 3rd World Charity seeks soulmate 25-35 to share adventure. Beauty, GSOH vital. Photo please. Box No 6782

DO you like hot days, warm evenings, good food and wine, sea, discos and fun? Are you a n/s brunette up to 45yrs who can deal with a freaky-but-nice 2 time male divorcee? Yes? Phone /fax Robin, on 010-34-72-453497.

DYNAMIC, free thinking and active professional male, soh, late twenties, based in the central southern area would like to meet a similar lady. Non extremist practising Christian, enjoys eating out, socialising and living life to the full. Could you be the lady I'm waiting to meet? Box No 6949

EDUCATED male 65 5'10" active outgoing romantic seeks slim warm feminine lady SE London. Box No 6923

GENUINELY nice lively man, 41 single, unspoilt by progress, locked up with work for far too long, now seeks attractive warm lady 26-38 to share simple happiness. Manchester area. Box No 6782

GOOD LOOKING 44 successful, sincere, sexy man n/s, 5'7" loves life, home or away, cultural or sporting seeks similar v.attractive soulmate to share good times to start with. London. Box No 6672

GOOD LOOKING fit doctor 70 still working but planning extended camping tours UK, continent, interest art and culture needs lady companion. Please Reply to Box No 6785

HANDSOME sincere male 36, 5'10" humorous, good job. Seeks an attractive (28-38) woman who enjoys life and has a warm confident personality. Interests may include good food, theatre, walking, travel and keeping fit. All letters answered, photo appreciated. London/South East. Please Reply to Box No 6667

HANDSOME Prof. Easy going GOS Man 32, 5'10". likes Cinema, Arts, Travel, seeks NS single Slim Pretty Lady 20-30 for TLC & Romance. Photo pls. Please Reply to Box No 6875

HANTS based male graduate, 55, tall, blond, caring, sensitive, eclectic interests especially the arts and travel, seeks similar N/S woman, 45-52 who is intelligent, happy & wise. Box 6968

HE prof 42 5ft 11in slim, loves theatres, music seeks prof medicine law etc 30-40 n/s for friendship and more, London based. Photo & phone if poss. Please Reply to Box No 6924

INCURABLY ROMANTIC todays man. Tall, dark handsome, late 30's successful businessman seeks that special partner. If sincerity, honesty and a good sense of humour are traits you admire/possess & are attractive slim & intelligent then please reply with photo & Tel No. to Box No 6888

LADIES

CHRISTIAN
Single lady 42 based S.Yorks. Av. build & fit. Enjoys classical music, opera, theatre, ballet, travel, swimming, food. Wishes to meet committed Christian bachelor widower (children O.K.) 35-50 N/S SOH with business professional status.
Please write with recent photo/tel.no. from any U.K. location. All letters answered. Please Reply to Box No 6833

COSMOPOLITAN BUSINESS LADY
Of Continental origin, very active, linguist, intellectual, chose this way for lack of time to find equally solvent partner, age group between 55 & 70, for lasting relationship, with equal interests, such as theatre, concerts, galleries, lectures, travels. Handwritten letters will be app.
Please Reply Box No 6847

LATIN American London Based Male seeks Lady 28-34 for loving serious relationship Please Reply to Box No 6905

LIVLEY Lawyer 48 seeks lively lady to share laughter and life Hants/Berks Please Reply with photo to Box No 6784

LOYAL, Oxbridge M.A rotund, 5'11" and 50, (Southwell), recently ousted in sports. Enjoys country sports, travelling and computers, but is too busy to search and woo, seeks intelligent youngish feminine countrylover to share life's more pleasant moments Please Reply to Box No 6864

MALE 50s intelligent but not intellectual seeks slim lady 40 55 to share eating out, travel, theatre etc Looking for lasting relationship Phone no please to Box No 6786

MATURE experienced explorer seeks curious adventurous woman to accompany him on a pilgrimage to Rome. Box 6794

MEDICAL CONSULTANT/ ART COLLECTOR 52 6ft 1in slim (tennis skiing) Cosmopolitan eclectic tastes enjoys cultural travel (Paris, Tuscany) good food and wine, seeks attractive cultured academic lady (40-48) with similar outlook preferably Europhile London/South-East Photo and phone no please to Box No 6857

MID-50s March hare seeks middle aged Easter bunny (Hants, Wilts) To share books (Amis to Updike) music (symphonies to swing) country cycling (gently) felicitous frolicking (urgently?!) Even to love (Body & Soul). Photo would help. Box 6830

MY Company Secretary said "Don't mention the Hotel, the Rolls, the Villa in Spain or the big house in Surrey". Just tell them you are warm hearted, generous guy with a terrific sense of humour who is looking for a slim attractive lady between 45 and 55 Please write with photograph direct to Mr Geoffrey 119 Reigate Hill, Reigate or Telephone 0737 222014. I could be your Easter Bunny!

NEW YORK lady 37yrs old in medical profession loves travelling classical music the arts is great fun with GSOH would like to meet a British gentleman over 35 for love & romance who would like to relocate to U.S.A. Please Reply Box 6889

NORTH WEST genuine tall slim good-looking practical male, 34 GSOH, enjoys sport, music & more, seeks similar female 24-35, for fun & TLC. Please Reply to Box No 6767

NORTH LONDON presentable (50 5'7" 11½ stone unbald) gent enjoys theatre dining opera skiing travel seeks slim stylish N/S lady 35-48. Photo. A.L.A Please Reply to Box No 6947

OH for an intelligent unattached 40'ish Bristolienne (or nearish) for reciprocated affection and amusement by a large cultured hedonist antiquary. Box 6517

OXBRIDGE Artistic Surveyor OK-Looking father, 2 grown-up Daughters seeks 38-50, cultured attractive amusing caring lady London/SE. Photo essential. Reply to Box No 6867

OXFORD GRADUATE, wife sadly died aged 34. 3 children boarding, seeks gentle, perceptive, possibly shy Sloaney girl 28-35, n.s., believer, who would value the extra love, excitement and treasuring of somebody old enough to be her father but full of go. Georgian house in village. Travel, theatre, Wimbledon. Cautious telephoning first. Nobody need know how we met. It could be perfect. Please Reply Box 6936

PAINTER 50, tall, civilised, sensual, ex family man sadly recently insolvent seeks slim attractive woman to love and believe in him. Box No 6972

PROFESSIONAL early 60s with dubious claims to art & music - seeks lady 17 to 70s. Please Reply to Box No 6784

PROF gent PhD. 68+ active retired solvent (soon relocating Oxford) seeks unattached widowed lady grad. 38-50 pref. rosy complexion cultured sensual stylish solvent caring loyal as permanent soulmate to kind romantic older partner. She: enjoys country walks gardening pets, horse-riding wining and dining and mod. smoking music travel etc. Genuine replies with photo please Box No 6693

RUNDOWN Cottage on a hill in Monmouthshire needs slim robust educated bookish lady 50-60 tired of the City to relocate and assist Doctor 64 in Restoration (of Cottage). Experience not essential. Photo appreciated/Reciprocated. Reply to Box No 6886

SINCERE good looking passionate fit non smoking man 48 lives in Paradise, loves opera, theatre, yachting seeks female under 43 for fun loving relationship, no hang ups. South. Please Reply to Box No 6776

SLEEPLESS in St Albans! Prof single male, 39, 6', warm, gsoh, solv. C-side, walks, arts. Meet younger, slim/med lady. Share lifes pleasures? Box No 6792

SPECIAL person for a caring, honest & fulfilling relationship with an attractive & honest man in his 40's, my children are grown up, my business life is on a high, can you make my private life the same !!! I've a wicked sense of humour, enjoy all aspects of socialising as well as the simple things in life. Romantic dinners for two are a must. If this is what you are looking for and you are slim and in your 30's or early 40's, please reply with a photo to Box No 6961

TALL handsome male 29, Independent and well travelled seeks kind sophisticated female in her 20s. Must have varied interests and GSOH, like myself. Photo please. London. Please Reply to Box No 6816

TALL Male 66 needs companion feminine unpretentious pref university educated Box 6863

THIS forty something successful Company director seeks a new relationship with a stylish lady. If you always read these advertisements, but have never responded, then here's a challenge, make a new start and drop me a line at Box No 6812

VERY attractive 6' man, 40s educated, intelligent and caring, wide interests include music, theatre, sport and travel, seeks attractive, sensual woman, 28-40 for love, laughter and a lasting relationship. Please reply with photo to Box No 6881

WILTSHIRE based pilot, athletic 45, graduate, reportedly attractive, warm, laid-back, seeks intelligent, slim, fit, independent female. Photo appreciated Please Reply to Box No 6766

WOULD you like the company of a tall slim charming kind educated prof gentleman? 40's. E.Anglia. If you are pretty natural and cheerful please reply with photo to Box No 6626

YOU: Seeking longterm security laughs affection loyalty, are well-educ slimmish fairly att solv vital 45-53. Me: Cultured ex-execut clean divorcee 5'10" athletic fit vital rugged but sensitive & caring. Very kind & supportive. Young 68. Photo ensures reply. Box No 6802

TRYST
A gentleman of character and wit has retained our services to search for a lady with a view to marriage and children. He is a successful, professional gentleman in his fifties, living in the northwest of the country. Enjoys country pursuits but also the arts and sojourns overseas. A gentle personality rather than good looks would appeal to this gentleman
Interested ?
Please contact Helen Spain, principal of Tryst Introduction Bureau
0568 708554 day, evenings including weekends.
All enquiries treated confidentially and without obligation.
No Membership Fee if introduced.

THE TIMES SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS
SPRING FEVER

Due to overwhelming response we are continuing to offer two weeks advertising for the normal price of one!

An advertisement in the Saturday Rendezvous section puts you in touch with nearly 1.2 million readers just like you.

At only £5.50 per line plus VAT (Box No. £10.00 + VAT) there is no better way of widening your social circle. Just fill in the coupon below, minimum 3 lines. (Allow one line for box number)

Name:
Address:

Tel (day)
Access ☐ Visa ☐ Amex ☐ Diners ☐
Card No.: Expiry Date:
Signature

This offer is open to private advertisers only until 30th April 1994. Trade advertisers will appear subject to our normal rates and conditions. Send to: Saturday Rendezvous, Classified Advertising, Times Newspapers Limited, PO Box 484, Virginia Street, London E1 9BL.

Your Box No. is valid for 28 days from the date of publication.

Telephone Margaret Harper: 071-481 4000
Fax: 071-481 9313/071-782 7828

THE TIMES SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

TO ADVERTISE YOUR DATING AGENCY, CLUB, DINNER DATING OR SOCIAL EVENTS, IN FRONT OF OUR 1,276,000 READERS.*

EVERY SATURDAY IN "SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS"

CALL JULIA CURTIS ON 071 481 1982 OR FAX 071 481 9313

*NRS July-December 1993

هكذا من الأمل

CHESS

by Raymond Keene

A RESOUNDING endorsement of the stature of *The Times* on the world chess scene was the fact that Kasparov, Karpov and Judit Polgar all chose to contact us with their views at the conclusion of the Linares tournament.

The main focus, of course, was Kasparov's controversial game against Judit Polgar. The game between Ms Polgar, 17, and Kasparov took place in round five of the tournament. After Kasparov had won, she accused him of cheating by making a move with his knight and then taking it back. The crux of the matter is whether Kasparov's hand ever left the touched piece, before making a different move. If true, this would have been a major infringement of the chess rules.

Ms Polgar, speaking to *The Times* from Budapest, said: "From my experience as a chess player, I was certain at the time that Kasparov's hand had left the piece. It was a big mistake of mine not to protest there and then, but I was worried about getting a time penalty. This would have been fatal, since I only had two minutes left to finish all my moves."

Anatoly Karpov, FIDE world champion and the tournament winne, said: "As for Kasparov at Linares, he played worse than his results show. In his game against Judit Polgar he did not know that the television camera was filming the game. It's the first time in the history of chess that the champion took back a move."

Kasparov contacted *The Times* to rebut all of these allegations. According to him: "Polgar's behavious was outrageous. She is just looking for cheap self-promotion. After our game, which I won, she accosted me in the lobby of the hotel in full view of the public and accused me openly of cheating, saying to me: "How could you do it? You knew that your hand had lost contact with the piece."

Kasparov added that the tournament organiser in Linares, Sr Luis Rentero, believed that nothing irregular had occurred. Kasparov said that Ms Polgar would not be receiving an invitation next year to return to the Linares tournament, the Wimbledon of chess.

Concerning the incident itself, Kasparov said: "I went to play the move 36 . . . Nc5, but then noticed it might lose, so I put the knight on f8 instead. Polgar looked up at the arbiter, Senor Carlos Falcon, but he did not react. She did not protest while the game was in progress, the arbiter did not intervene and I went on to win a brilliant game.

"Only afterwards, when the Spanish TV Channel, Antenna 3, produced their video of the game, were any questions raised. According to those who have seen this video, the tape, played at a normal speed, does not show that my hand lost contact with the knight. Only when slowed down, does it appear that my hand might have left the knight, but for no more than one fifth of a second. The video played back at normal speed couldn't pick this up."

"In any case, I sincerely believed my hand was there. Sr Falcon has normal eyes and saw nothing. Since the umpire's decision is final, there can have been no breach of the rules. This certainly cannot be compared with the Maradona "Hand of God" controversy in the World Cup. It is much less clear. It is nowhere written in the chess rules that video equipment can be used to decide on such issues. Perhaps this is significant for the future of chess and video records should now be introduced so that arbiters can judge on tricky cases, especially from speed tournaments. But since videos currently have no jurisdiction, it is really irrelevant to this case."

"The controversy only came to light, because Sr Roman Toran, President of the Spanish Chess Federation, paid privately to have the videotape played back very slowly to him."

Kasparov also denied that the other move with his knight would actually have lost the game.

Next week: Kasparov's exclusive analysis of the game for *The Times*.

WINNING MOVE

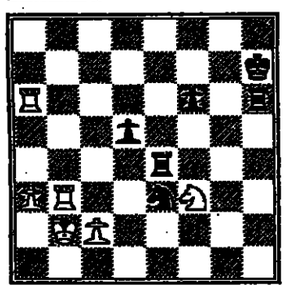
This position is from the game Bologan - Gipslis, Austria 1993. This looks like a quiet endgame but, in fact, White has an immediate winning combination. Can you see the first move?



Send your answer on a postcard to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer will be published next Saturday.

Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Qg4+.

Last week's winners are: S Alleyne, London SW1; K Wilton, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire; B Tomlinson, Whitefield, Lancashire.



PUNCH



SCOTCH MIST.

"THE RAIN SEEMS TO BE CLEARING OFF AT LAST, SANDY."
"AY, I DOOT IT'S THREATENIN' TO BE DRY!"

STARTING this week *The Times* is inviting readers to write an amusing caption for the cartoon featured on this page.

This week's cartoon, from the *Punch* library, includes the contemporary caption. Next week the games page will publish this cartoon with a new caption selected from those submitted.

Caption suggestions, on a postcard please, should be addressed to: Cartoon caption, Weekend games page, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The editor's decision is final. Closing date for entries is Wednesday, April 6, 1994.

WORD WORKING

By Philip Howard

VENTAGE
a. A small hole
b. Aged a multiple of five
c. The wine harvest

XYLOID
a. Shaped like a cross
b. Having big ears
c. Woody

HARMATIOLOGY
a. Working in unison
b. The study of sin
c. The science of earthworms

IMMORIGEROUS
a. Inflexible
b. Without delay
c. Short-lived

Answers on page 22

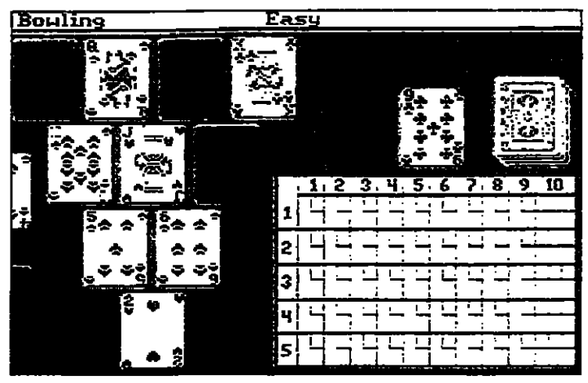
COMPUTER GAMES

Impressions

AS A marketing ploy, the line "Runs great on laptops — the perfect way to pass the time during air travel" is hard to beat. In this case the line refers to the second volume of the Hoyle Book of Games, 28 tricky solitaire games (picture, right) in one package from Sierra. For lovers of old-fashioned patience there's Klondike but if you would rather play games of frustration then most of the others will do, including Beleaguered Castle, La Belle Lucie and Cribbage Square.

Shanghai II is one of those Chinese games which at first glance looks like patience and at a second glance like dominoes, but, it transpires, is more engaging than either. The only drawback is it is only available as part of Ubi Soft's Golden 7 compilation pack, which does, at least, include a few other gems, including Red Baron, King's Quest V and Heart of China.

Much faster animation and graphics are what David Bruford Wellington, of Somerset, longed for and found with the madcap Day of the Tentacle, from LucasArts Entertainment Company. He raves: "Drop whatever you're playing for Day of the Tentacle. It's the sequel to LucasArts' Maniac Mansion but with a difference. The introduction alone will leave you open-mouthed in awe of the cartoon quality, graphics and sound effects. Characters' speech comes not from the screen but the speaker. With cartoon humour and action, this is the best adventure game I've ever experienced, and whatever your age it could become an obsession until you've saved the world. While the plot follows the usual 'get this to do that' approach of many adventure games, subtle logic ensures there's no pure chance element to let you down at a later stage."



Another LucasArts adventure game which has won a place in the hearts of many readers is Indiana Jones and the Fate of Atlantis. Set in the year 1939 on the eve of the Second World War, Nazi agents set about a search for the deadliest of weapons. Johnny Platt, of Bath, explains: "To enjoy this game you need to have a good mind for puzzles and plenty of patience as you descend deeper into the game and confront LucasArts' twisted logic. As soon as you discover Plato's Lost Dialogue you have a choice of three different routes which speak for themselves — punch, wit and team. Although the storyline is a bit slow moving at times, the graphics are amazing and the gameplay excellent."

Do keep all your comments, news and views coming. Write to us at Computer Games, Weekend, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. Next week, details of our Cyberspace Five competition. Be there or be square-eyed.

BRIDGE

by Albert Dormer

ALL REASON points to it, and researchers confirm it. To keep your marbles, play more bridge.

Brain-cell connections are the key. At the University of California, rats were stimulated by being given toys and left in the company of other rats. They were found to have multiplied their inter-connections far more than rats kept in a boring environment.

Brain-jogging, or sustained mental activity, has therefore become the latest wrinkle, and bridge is the favoured medium. "Watching television is worse than bingo," says Dr Warner Schaie of Pennsylvania State University, where another project was carried out. "Crosswords are all right, but it is much better to play bridge."

But not all forms of bridge are equally mind-stretching. At cut-in, some hands can be played on automatic pilot. At duplicate, they might require concentrated thought. In these examples, plan the play at both codes.

1. ♠Q5 ♥KJ9743 ♦A7 ♣AK5 / ♠1075 ♥AQ6 ♦K63 ♣9742

The contract is 4♥ and North leads the ♦Q.

2. ♠AK8543 ♥872 ♦A3 ♣A4 / ♠107 ♥A54 ♦J82 ♣KQJ93

The contract is 4♠ and North leads the ♥K. You win and draw two rounds of trumps, to which all follow.

3. ♠A84 ♥A4 ♦KQ763 ♣K83 / ♠7 ♥107653 ♦AJ10 ♣AQJ4

The contract is 6♦ and North leads the ♠Q.

Solutions

1. At rubber bridge you would table your cards and settle for ten tricks. At duplicate, the most likely source of an extra trick is clubs, but if you simply draw trumps and play off ♠A-K-x, the defenders are sure to cash their spade winners. A well-connected declarer may do better.

Duck the first trick in both hands! It will be too bad if North switches to a spade, but the contract should still be safe, as a club will go away on a diamond. More likely, however, is that North will lead a second diamond. Now you can manoeuvre to discard a club from hand on the ♦K. If the clubs divide evenly you will be able to establish dummy's fourth card by ruffing, without the defenders ever regaining the lead.

2. At rubber bridge the 100 per cent safe play is to lead a third trump. The defenders can take two heart tricks, but you have the rest.

At duplicate, after cashing the ♠A-K, you should consider playing clubs. If the suit is 3-3, two losers will go away before a defender can ruff, and 11 tricks will be made. If the outstanding trump happens to be in the same hand as four clubs, you do better still, making 12 tricks.

There is a drawback. If the defender with the master trump has a singleton club, he will ruff the second round, and as dummy has no further entry the contract will fail. Is the risk worth taking?

It is reasonable to expect that most tables will be in the same contract. When that is the case, the contract itself is not the primary objective. Instead, one aims to make more tricks than other declarers, whether needed for the contract or not.

Here, by playing on clubs you are much more likely to make 11 or 12 tricks than to be held to nine: so that is what you should do.

3. You have 11 ready winners and at cut-in would be content to take just one spade ruff, leaving you with a secure grip on the trump suit.

At duplicate it is tempting to aim for 13 tricks by taking two spade ruffs. When trumps are 4-1 this will set up a trump trick for defenders, but it may seem that the contract will still be safe. However, one should examine the mechanics.

In crossing back to hand you will have had to use the ♥A as an entry, and this may expose you to a heart loser as well as a trump. The danger is not great, but there is a difference between this hand and the previous one.

In Problem 2, other pairs were confidently expected to have reached the same contract. Here, you should recognise that you have done extremely well to reach 6♦. Therefore you should not jeopardise an excellent result for the sake of an overtrick.

Is there a downside to duplicate bridge? Rubber bridge is clearly the more social form of the game, and readers who have never played duplicate may have heard discouraging accounts of fiercely competitive attitudes in official tournaments and of the many artificial conventions allowed. However, in most local clubs a quite different atmosphere prevails. Newcomers are welcomed, duplicate procedures are helpfully explained, and the conventions played are limited to those agreeable to the majority.

If you are thinking of giving it a whirl, these books may help: *Bridge Club Guide to Britain and Ireland*, details of more than 1000 clubs, (£5.99, softcover, from Mr Bridge, Ryden Range, Bisley, Surrey). *Understanding Duplicate* by John Gullick, an experienced teacher and club manager, (£3.85, softcover, Wimbledon Bridge Enterprises, 6 Walnut Tree Cottages, London SW19 5DN).

THE TIMES

Crossword range

With the exception of the Jumbo books, prices include a mail order charge of 75p per item for the UK only. For overseas supplements see below.
†† = Available in computer format

The Times Book of Jumbo Crosswords £3.99
add £1.26 postage (UK market only)

The Times Jumbo Crosswords Book 2 £4.99
add £1.00 postage (UK market only)

The Times Jumbo Concise Crosswords Book 1 £4.99
add £1.00 postage (UK market only)

The Times Crosswords, Books 1 to 13
(Penguin) £4.74 each

The Times Crosswords, Books 14, 15, 16 & 17 £4.25 each ††

The Times Concise Crosswords, Books 1 & 2
(240 puzzles) £5.74 each

The Times Concise Crosswords, Books 3,4 & 5 £4.25 each ††

The Sunday Times Crosswords, Books 1 to 9
(Penguin) £4.74 each

The Sunday Times Crosswords, Books 10, 11 & 12
£4.25 each ††

The Sunday Times Concise Crosswords, Books 1 & 2
£4.25 each ††

NEW! from Times Books:

The Eighteenth Book of The Times Crosswords £4.25 ††

Sixth Book of The Times Concise Crosswords £4.25 ††

Third Book of Sunday Times Concise Crosswords £4.25 ††

The Times Computer Crosswords
by David Akenhead

Available for IBM PCs and Acorn computers including Archimedes range, now with advanced graphics and help facilities and designed for beginners and experts alike - on 3.5 and 5.25 discs (please specify)
(circa 60 crosswords each)

The Times Computer Crosswords Vols 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 ††

The Times Jubilee Puzzles 1932-1987 (56 crosswords) ††

The Times Concise Crosswords 3 (100 crosswords) ††

The Sunday Times Computer Crosswords Vols 1,2,3,4 ††

NEW! Recently released:

Sunday Times Computer Crosswords Volumes 5 & 6 ††

Software prices: £14.95 per title (marked ††)

Additional mail order charges including airmail postage
Europe (inc Irish Rep) add 50p per item
Zone 1 add £1.00 per item (inc America, Africa)
Zone 2 add £1.25 per item (inc Australia, N Zealand)
Surface mail add 50p per item

US dollar cheques welcome - (£1 = US$1.50)

Please send cheques or postal orders (sorry, no credit cards) payable to **Akom Ltd, Times Crossword Account** to Akom Limited, 51 Manor Lane, London SE13 5QW
Enquiries, telephone 081-852 4575 (24 hours)
Return delivery (UK)

THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

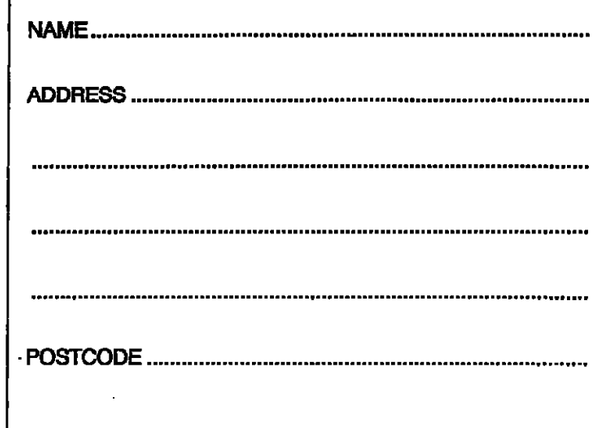
No. 3247: Finished by Franc

A TOTAL of seven lights are not indicated. Across lights not clued are 6, 15, the single-lettered 27 (deemed across), 43 and 47. Down lights not clued are 3 and 22. Six of these unclued lights (which are single word allusions to members of a larger set) are related to the seventh (the centre cell) by a phrase of four words beginning with a word of eight letters found in symmetrically arranged squares. Solvers must indicate (by shading) the eight letters and write the phrase on the line below the grid.

Clues, which are not in the correct order, all contain a single letter misprint in the definition part. The correct letters, read in the order in which the clues appear, will give (usually single word) allusions to the remaining eight members of the set referred to above.

Clues:

Grant for the devil (3)
Clambers in the same place with refreshments (6)
Panty has large number in class (4)
The hulks take exercise on time (3)
Waste of "it" by loose pro (5)
Front page main feature is due . . . (5)
. . . for Bach is the introduction to perfection. . . . (3)
. . . syncopated music has nothing, in God's dreams (8)
Paddy's capper would be reinforced if I'd join (6)
Lumber having money without right (4)
Those relaying hardly to be believed hints of economic ruin on board (8)
So adopt arrangement of measures without reference (6)
Struts about but gives grounds for rope (6)
Accommodation in space is rather than . . . (6)
. . . get nearly numb put out in kennel (6)
Rung for a tanner — that's hard on purse! (5)
Child's i/c arrangement for dish (8)
Article about coin for official annuls (4)
Stretch not right for ale (4)
Some bananas in the tack at dinner (4)
Hundred thousand miles can make one loth in Scotland (7)
Fish (hers it seems) to enter race (6)
You may indicate this layer is back on time (4)
Shares with one point over the eight (8)
Writer about black bard proves oddly readable (3)
All sounds religious (3)
All sterling credit progressively invested (3)
Walt opts out! (4)
Chaps could be made herd in the wild west (4)
Bruce's bingo game insert (6)
Rower to lift frost (4)
Unfortunate vole (4)
Dear person is not half boring (3)
Divine bird found back in iceberg region (5)
Extra-terrestrial in heavenly bodies for fan of God (7)
A home could be trek in the antipodes (5)
Quick glance out west rings a ball (7)
Thrush on special order by Royal Navy (4)
Beer around Los Angeles causes wall (6)
Dressed in topless Scandinavian coif (3)
State District Attorney is added (4)
Paint part of tea-chest (5)
King severed by ax causes a rush (6)
Complain about horsing (7)
Take 5 from 7 and the answer is clean (4)
Anne so muddled by product from mane (6)
Some ride feats result in muster (6)
Gooseherd's calf brings fairy back (3)



·LISTENER CROSSWORD No. 3247

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

.....

.....

.....

POSTCODE .....



PRIZES: A book token worth £50 will go to the first correct solution opened. The two runners-up will each win a £20 book token.

ADDRESS: Readers should cut out and send the completed crossword and coupon above, to The *Listener* Crossword 3247, 63 Green Lane, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL3 6HE. Entries must be received by Thursday, April 14.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 3244

S	H	R	I	M	P	S	S	T	H	I	G	H
L	I	G	N	E	E	R	O	M	A	N	C	E
G	R	A	T	N	F	A	R	M	T	O	U	N
H	E	T	I	S	C	R	I	B	E	M	H	C
I	D	W	H	E	I	S	T	O	S	A	G	E
T	H	O	L	E	S	T	A	L	K	E	R	S
S	A	H	C	L	Y	P	U	E	A	N	O	E
M	I	S	L	I	G	H	T	S	T	I	F	F
O	R	N	I	S	H	Y	D	R	A	O	S	G
T	W	E	A	M	O	R	C	E	N	S	K	A
S	A	N	D	P	I	P	E	D	H	E	A	D
S	L	A	V	I	S	H	O	P	I	N	T	O
A	R	I	E	L	T	F	R	I	T	T	E	R

INITIAL letters of the superfluous words spell out SOUP, FISH, FRUIT SALAD, COFFEE.

Soup words are enterd anagrammatically: 1 Slights, 3 warthog, 5 specify, 6 Tiros, 9 anomie, 10 chug, 15 sen, 18 chilli, 24 tankas, 25 frog, 28 limes, 30 courted, 31 tension, 32 foraged, 34 sienna, 36 assot, 41 Veda.

Fish words are entered so that (an initial) F is H: 2, 8, 11, 27, 37, 44.

Fruit salad words are entered with anagrams of various fruits missing: 4 repaint (pear), 20 bargepoles (grape), 22 stenography (orange), 38 rumpled (plum), 39 cheapskate (peach), 40 wallpaper (apple).

The quotation "[Oh] some are fond of Spanish wine . . " comes from *Captain Stratton's Fancy* by John Masefield.

The winner, who receives a £50 book token, is E. Looby, of Longbridge, Birmingham. The £20 book tokens go to R.E. Withrington, of Shenfield, Essex and Robert Newton, of Sale, Cheshire.

We'll pay your credit card bill.

Switch to a Yorkshire Bank Visa Card now and we'll pay off your existing credit card bill in full, charging you only 16.4% APR on the old balance until it is repaid. This interest rate will be even lower if you transfer your current account to us at the same time. There's no annual fee on a Yorkshire Bank Visa Card, you don't have to be an existing customer to have one, and any of our branches will give you full details.

Yorkshire Bank

CREDIT FACILITIES ARE SUBJECT TO STATUS AND APPLICANTS MUST BE AGED 18 OR OVER. FULL WRITTEN QUOTATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. SECURITY IN THE FORM OF A GUARANTEE MAY BE REQUIRED FOR PERSONAL LOANS. YORKSHIRE BANK VISA CARD: NO ANNUAL FEE. APR 21.9% PURCHASES (22.6% CASH ADVANCES) VARIABLE. A TYPICAL EXAMPLE WHEN REPAYING AN EXISTING CREDIT CARD BALANCE WITH A YORKSHIRE BANK PERSONAL LOAN UNDER THIS OFFER WOULD BE £1,000 SPREAD OVER 1 YEAR, REPAYABLE BY 12 MONTHLY REPAYMENTS OF £90.42. TOTAL INTEREST PAYABLE £85.00. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE IS £1,085.04 APR 16.4%. A TYPICAL EXAMPLE WHEN REPAYING AN EXISTING CREDIT CARD BALANCE WITH A YORKSHIRE BANK PERSONAL LOAN AND OPENING A YORKSHIRE BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT AT THE SAME TIME UNDER THIS OFFER WOULD BE £1,000 SPREAD OVER 1 YEAR, REPAYABLE BY 12 MONTHLY REPAYMENTS OF £89.59. TOTAL INTEREST PAYABLE £75.00. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE IS £1,075.08. APR 14.4%. THE APR VARIES DEPENDING ON THE LOAN PERIOD AND MONTHLY REPAYMENT DATE. ALL RATES CORRECT AT 31/2/94. YORKSHIRE BANK PLC, REGISTERED NO.1117413 ENGLAND. REGISTERED OFFICE: 20 MERRION WAY, LEEDS LS2 8NZ.

هكذا من الأصل



ARTS 29-30

A cheerful tale of corruption in the Deep South



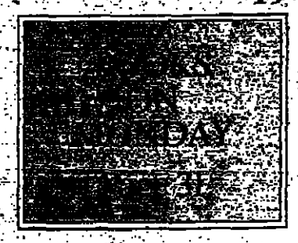
EDUCATION 33

What should we teach our children in RE classes?



BUSINESS 34-36

The workaholic treadmill is no friend to families



THE TIMES 2

MONDAY APRIL 4 1994 B

Malcolm's return provides ray of hope amid gloom



England fast bowler Devon Malcolm pictured during his comeback spell against the West Indies Board XI in Grenada yesterday. Photograph: Graham Morris

Young spinner fells England

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN GRENADA

AFTER the anguish inflicted upon them last week by Curtly Ambrose, it might have been thought England would give much to bat against novice leg-spin in Grenada this weekend. The outcome, however, was much the same.

It will be a while yet before Rawle Lewis features in a West Indian Test side. But the way in which he embarrassed England on his home ground at St George's yesterday was indicative of both a burgeoning bowling talent and woebegone opposition.

Lewis is 19 and spent last week bowling in a youth tournament in Dominica. England's cricket ethos would consider him a mere boy, raw, unfurnished and unprepared *for the highest level.* England's present cricketers found him such a handful that they lost their last six wickets against the West Indies Board XI for only 18 runs.

It was a pitiful collapse, all the sadder for being utterly unsurprising. This touring team may not be bereft of spirit, for they are a young, *companionable bunch not* given to communal brooding, but it is so transparently drained of self-belief that one has to fear the worst when the Test series resumes in Barbados on Friday.

Much will doubtless be expected of Devon Malcolm. Probably too much, judging by the way he began his comeback yesterday with a spell understandably short on speed but so disappointingly lacking in cohesion and direction that when he did dismiss Phil Simmons, it was with such a ponderous long hop that Simmons played far too early and chopped it into his stumps.

There is time to work on Malcolm, hopefully to restore *the rhythm grown rusty in the* five weeks of enforced absence. There is less time for the batsmen and far less prospect of repair, for recent events have laid bare all the technical and temperamental weaknesses that the confidence of *better times tends to* camouflage.

These were evident even on *Saturday, when the reassurance* of 281 for four was dangerously superficial. Mark Ramprakash batted five hours for his 91 and was not wholly convincing at any time: Alec Stewart offered, as he does too often, the shots of the day and a premature departure; Graeme Hick, as is his wont, looked impressive when the bowling looked disinterested; and Robin Smith, with awful predictability, *was spun out* by the type of bowling from which he *thought* he would be safe in the Caribbean.

Smith, who seemed as mystified by Lewis's variations as he had been by Anil Kumble and Shane Warne before him, toe-ended a speculative sweep after making 36 — not enough to stave off the possibility that his Test place is once more in doubt.

Lewis, who lives on the east coast of Grenada and toured England with West Indies under-19s last summer, had both Ramprakash and Gra*ham Thorpe dropped. From a* minimalist run-up, he turned the *ball* extravagantly and disguised his googly with maturity.

Inexplicably, England had employed a nightwatchman on Saturday, despite having chosen seven specialist batsmen. Steve Watkin, the nominated man, not only outstayed Thorpe but Nasser Hussain and Matthew Maynard too as the innings was clinically derailed yesterday.

Thorpe, having felt unwell all morning, played a tired cut against Andy Cummins and went back to his bed, a local doctor having diagnosed tonsilitis. Hussain and Maynard then played with the air of men who fear they have no further role in the international events of this tour, Hussain driving indiscreetly against the googly and Maynard hitting Cummins, on the up, to *short extra-cover.*

The ball expired quietly, giving Lewis three for two in 18 balls, and when the Board XI reply began Malcolm's first two balls, both short and wide, were speared to the cover boundary by Simmons.

Hemmed in by corrugated iron and overlooked by a sand quarry, this cheerless ground *was the most uninviting place* in Grenada on a sunkissed afternoon but England rallied with some vigour on a pitch offering help to all types of bowling.

The second wicket fell to a good ball from Watkin and the third to a slip catch by Hick, far more difficult than the two he dropped so calamitously in Trinidad last week.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First Innings

*†A J Stewart c Gibson b Lewis	65
M R Ramprakash c Wallace b Gibson	91
G A Hick lbw b Antoine	59
R A Smith c Browne b Lewis	36
G P Thorpe c Campbell b Cummins	16
S L Watkin c Wallace b Lewis	15
N Hussain b Lewis	1
M P Maynard c Williams b Cummins	0
A P Igglesden st Browne b Lewis	1
P C R Tufnell not out	5
D E Malcolm b Cummins	0
Extras (lb 5, nb 14)	19
Total	349

FALL OF WICKETS 1-99, 2-206, 3-257, 4-277, 5-301, 6-308, 7-312, 8-313, 9-319.

BOWLING. Cummins 21.5-0-82-3; Gibson 18-1-65-1, Antoine 15-1-54-1; Lewis 33.6-95-5, Simmons 6-1-18-0

WEST INDIES BOARD XI: First Innings

P V Simmons b Malcolm	18
S C Williams c Stewart b Watkin	30
P A Wallace c Hick b Watkin	25
R I C Holder not out	27
S G Campbell c sub b Tufnell	5
R D Jacobs not out	0
Extras	10
Total (4 wkts)	125

FALL OF WICKETS 1-40, 2-62, 3-100, 4-121.

THE TIMES
Canon

Play our First Class XI cricket game. Details on page 24

Gambling Torrance on brink of cashing chips

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN NEW ORLEANS

SAM Torrance, who has been playing the part of the Mississippi gambler all week, was on the verge of cashing in his chips in New Orleans yesterday. Torrance shared the lead with Ben Crenshaw with one round remaining in the Freeport McMoRan Classic.

Torrance settled in to a *comfortable routine from the* moment he arrived in Louisiana. He had his teeth ground to relieve toothache and collected his clubs, which had been left in Chicago during his 42-hour, three-continent journey from Indonesia to New Orleans via London.

He then played some of the best golf of his life by day and went gambling on the Queen of New Orleans, a Mississippi river boat, by night. For a change, he attended a baseball game. How was it, he was asked? "Long" he replied.

Eighteen of Torrance's victories have come in Europe. A further nine have been collected in places like Australia, Colombia and Zambia. He has yet to win in the United States, although on the eve of *the 1983 Ryder Cup, he lost the* Southern Open in Columbus, Georgia, to Ronnie Black only after a five-hole play-off.

Torrance was paired with Crenshaw for the fourth round, the players locked on 11 under par. They are old friends, having played against each other in the 1983 Ryder Cup. "I've played a lot of golf with Sam," Crenshaw said. "He is a great player and a marvellous guy."

There was a striking contrast in putting styles between the Texan, 42, and Torrance, 40. Crenshaw, for years one of the best putters in the game, uses a conventional blade *putter of normal length. He* calls it "Little Ben". Torrance's putter is a broomstick, *48 inches long, and he locks it* under his chin. Torrance's putting lacked Crenshaw's accuracy. In his three rounds, he has totalled 85 putts, five more than Crenshaw.

The Jack Nicklaus-designed course at English Turn Country Club, ten miles from New Orleans, is a hard test, harder than it would seem *from the ease with which José* Maria Olazábal went round in 63 on Thursday, setting a course record that lasted for less than 24 hours. Dennis Paulson lowered it by one on Friday.

Torrance was hoping that *the form he demonstrated in* his third round, when he started with three birdies in a row, would remain with him.



Torrance, who shared the lead going into the final round, splashes out of a bunker at the 8th hole

He made light of the wind, hitting a succession of near-flawless irons and going round in 67, with six birdies and only one bogey. He had only four bogeys in his first three rounds. "That's as good as I can play," Torrance, after his second 67 in three rounds, said. "I was playing relaxed, just trying to swing within myself. It was just magnificent." Crenshaw, who had eight birdies and four bogeys *in his 68, was going for his* first top ten finish since he won the Nestlé Invitational in March 1993.

Chasing Torrance and Crenshaw was Olazábal who, having led by four strokes after his record-breaking first round, lay two shots behind with one round remaining. *The Spaniard is hoping for* his second victory in the United States, his first having *come in the 1990 World Series* in Akron, Ohio.

The sun shone, as it had all week, as Torrance, clad in blue from top to toe, arrived at English Turn yesterday. Clouds were gathering, rain was forecast and the wind was stronger than it had been on Saturday. The temperature was in the Eighties.

Nick Faldo, who began the round eight strokes behind Torrance and Crenshaw, moved smoothly to four under par when he birdied the 2nd, a par five that was almost within his reach in two.

He chipped deftly from a mound of thick grass near the *flag and left himself no more* than an 18-inch putt.

Jesper Parnevik, having started the fourth round at one under par, had dropped to even par with four holes remaining.

LEADING THIRD-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 205: S Torrance (GB) 67, 71, 67; B Crenshaw 62, 68, 68. 207: J M Olazábal (Sp) 63, 74, 70. 208: J Furyk 70, 72, 66. 209: T Tryba 72, 70, 67; K Perry 68, 72, 69. 210: E Dougherty 74, 70, 66; P Jordan 72, 71, 67; J Morse 72, 71, 67; G Twiggs 76, 66, 68; K Gibson 72, 69, 69; J Sindelar 72, 69, 69; S Brodie 71, 67, 72; R Clampett 70, 68, 72. 211: D Hammond 73, 70, 68; D Waldorf 71, 72, 68; M Springer 73, 69, 69; L Wadkins 71, 70, 70. D Paulson 74, 62, 75. Others. 213: N Faldo (GB) 72, 71, 70; I Baker-Finch (Aus) 71, 70, 72; N Ozaki (Japan) 71, 68, 74. 214: E Els (SA) 69, 76, 69.

Life of Riley, page 22

United need to find old momentum for final stages

BY KEITH PIKE

MATCHES in hand and mathematical probabilities are all very well, but with five weeks left of the football season it is momentum that matters most. At the top of the FA Carling Premiership, Blackburn Rovers have it while Manchester United do not: at the bottom, the prospects for Everton are looking increasingly bleak.

Alan Shearer's two stunning second-half goals against the champions at Ewood Park on Saturday, both classic examples of the finisher's art, not only cut United's lead to three points but also maintained Blackburn's relentless *pursuit of a target which,* when they trailed by 16 points two months ago, looked out of range. The psychological damage inflicted on Alex Ferguson's team may have been immense.

Last season it was United who lasted the course as first Norwich City and then Aston Villa found the pressure of pursuit too great. But 12 months earlier it had been United themselves who faltered. With seven games to play they were locked in a battle with Leeds United but won only two of them, while Leeds won four to finish four points clear.

The two championship contenders are now at the same stage. This afternoon, Black*burn play Everton* at Goodison Park as Manchester United, having taken only nine points out of the last 21, entertain an Oldham Athletic side enjoying its best run for years. Oldham's 4-1 victory over Queens Park Rangers on Saturday means they have lost only one of their last 13 matches. They also bar United's path to the FA Cup final on Sunday.

"We have got to start asserting ourselves again," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said. "Against Blackburn, one or two players did not play in the standard they are capable of, or that we expect from them. The chips are down for both of us."

The pressure is no less acute at the bottom, where Everton's descent is gathering pace at a rate that will be causing alarm in both the dressing-room and boardroom. Last season it was Crystal Palace who were caught, despite reaching 49 points with two games to go and setting off on a lap of honour at Selhurst Park in the mistaken belief that safety had been secured.

Relegation for a club of Everton's stature could cost in the region of £5 million in lost gate receipts, *television* money, sponsorship and the like, and having lost 5-1 to Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday that is becoming more likely by the match. "We've obviously got problems, but it is hard to put your finger on why we played like that against Wednesday after doing so well to earn a draw at Villa in midweek," Mike Walker, the Everton manager, said.

Taylor at home, page 20
Shearer shines, page 21
Maine Road's relief, page 21

His team has won only three of 13 matches since he *took over, taken one point out* of the last 15, and could find itself in the bottom three by teatime and heading for relegation.

The honeymoon period under Alan Ball having ended quickly, Southampton are also stuck on a downward spiral. Without a win in six games, they take on Manchester City at The Dell today knowing that another defeat could leave *them — along with Swindon* Town — in desperate trouble, especially if Sheffield United register a third successive victory at home to Arsenal.



Avoid further heartache
MAKE A WILL

If you don't make a Will and keep it up to date, you could leave a terrible mess for your family and friends to cope with. At a time of heartache this is a worry they can do without. For your free booklet about making and changing your Will, and a free video showing the good your Will can do, post the coupon to Noelle Brooker, UNICEF-UK, Room 5LZ, FREEPOST, London WC2A 3BR. Or phone her on 071-405 5592.

Yes, please send me a free copy of UNICEF's booklet.
Please send me my free video. ☐ (please tick)
(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)
Address
Postcode
Post to Noelle Brooker, UNICEF-UK, Room 5LZ, FREEPOST, London WC2A 3BR.
We may occasionally wish to write to you about other UNICEF information and services. If you would rather not receive such information please tick this box. ☐
unicef
United Nations Children's Fund
Registered Charity No. 302305

Simon Barnes sees the Wanderer return at Wolverhampton

Voyage of discovery finds Taylor set fair

The Wanderer arrives in Wolverhampton: the Wanderer from the trackless wastes of football, he who has known shipwreck in Rotterdam, who has flown into a mountain called San Marino, who seemed to have found the heaven-haven of retirement, but who instead has launched his barque once again on to the chilling, unforgiving waters of football.

Graham Taylor, who longs for the days when he will no longer be described as former England manager, had on Saturday his first home game as manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers, a team from the first, which is really of course, the second division. They greeted his arrival with a 2-1 win over Tranmere Rovers. The international arena has been left a long way behind.

What is Taylor doing here? Has he no sense of dignity, of *self-preservation? But no, he is* a Wanderer, not in the sense that he has managed many clubs, but in the sense that he is committed to the endlessly punitive journey of football.

The Wanderer is defined by his journey: Taylor needs football to define him, or redefine him. "The floating spirits bring him all too few of the well-known songs: care is renewed for him who must continually send his weary spirit over the icy waves."

This from the Anglo-Saxon poem, *The Wanderer*, so apt for an unquiet spirit who turns in his troubles to Wolverhampton. The floating spirits of football supporters did bring him one long-forgotten song: when has a ground last rung to the sound of "There's only one Graham Taylor?"

Such undeniable uniqueness was, a few months ago, a matter of relief to followers of English football. Now, after being vilified, mocked unmercifully by supporters and newspapers, and, most viciously of all, hammered by the results of crucial matches, Taylor was hymned in glory.

Wolves achieved victory thanks to a tactical masterstroke from Taylor. Well, a colossal piece of luck then. Whatever, a manager needs both. Wolves had taken the lead with a goal that reminded you of Taylor's time at Watford: Mills's flick-on from the goalkeeper's punt, Whittingham's finish.

Wolves then played to keep their lead, packing midfield with something like a 4-6-0 formation, and paid the price, Irons timing a run past an advancing back line and supplying a neat first-touch cross *for Aldridge, who else, to tap* in the equaliser. Do I not like that.

Then the master-stroke. Taylor brought on Cyrille Regis as substitute. A minute later, Regis had taken three men out with a short, decisive run and set up Mills for the winner. Taylor was not disposed to minimise his triumph: "We won a game we could have lost," he said.

Taylor, returning Wanderer, has, no matter how briefly, refound content. "I've never received as much mail as I have over the last three or four days. Messages kept coming and coming and coming. And the reception here was brilliant."

He was, he said, more nervous before this game than for any game he could remember; perhaps only his first game in charge of England came close. "I had a lot of apprehension, I very much wanted to win the game."

His team has a decent chance of making the play-offs. It is, in many ways, an ideal start: if Wolves make it, he is a hero, if not, it was his predecessor's fault. But the point, of course is why go back to football at all.

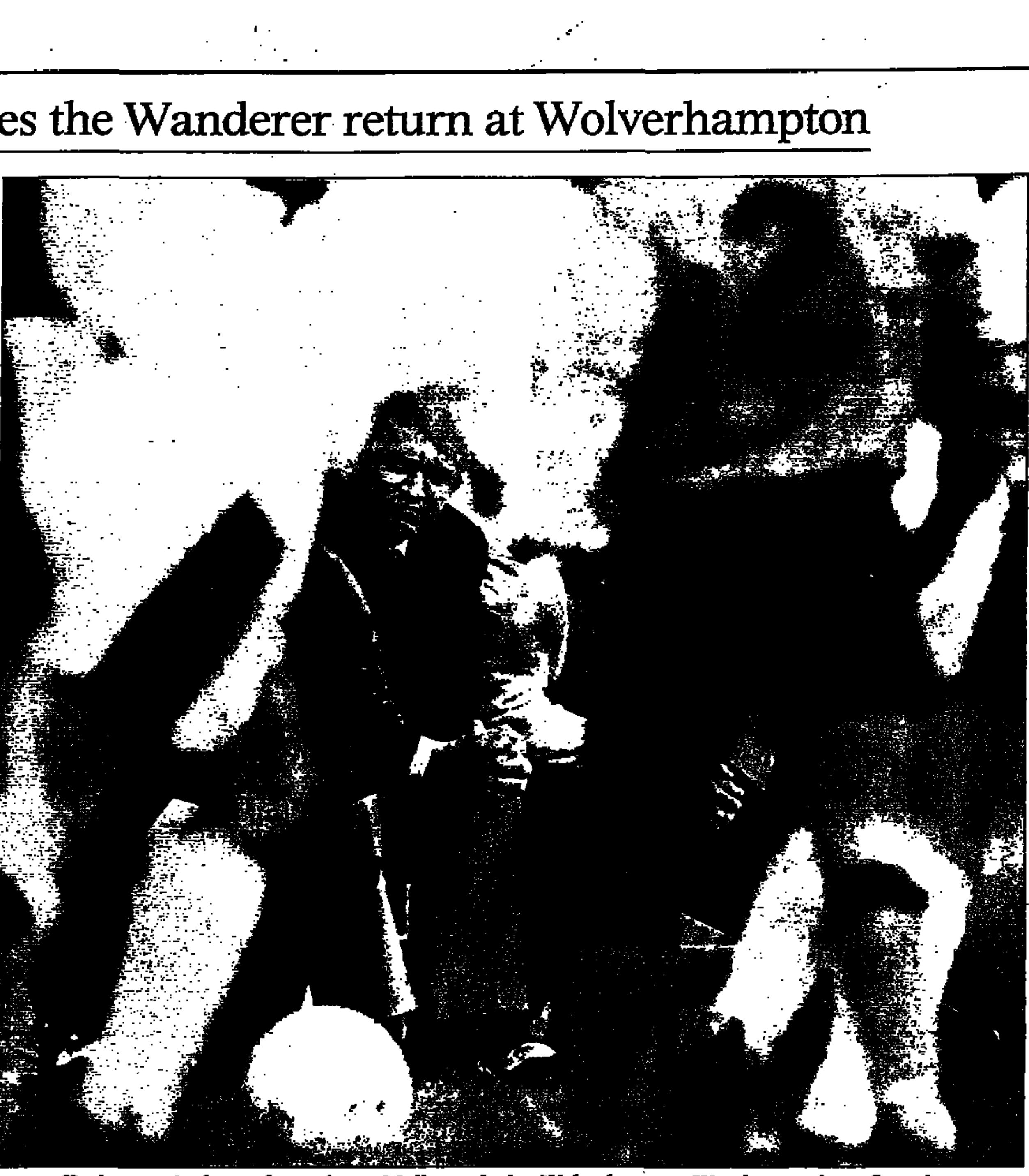
No doubt, like all wanderers, Taylor is seeking only himself. The previous phase of his journey robbed him of many things, not least self-respect. He became by the end a traditionally ludicrous aspect of national life.

Taylor, like most sporting people, will not betray the secrets of his nights on the rack of self-doubt. But he is back in football to find again his sword of self-belief, to slay his personal dragon of doubt. He wants to restore his footballing soul, nothing less. He seeks redemption and salvation in the eyes of the footballing public, in his own eyes.

It is a wanderer's mythic quest all right. "I don't have to prove anything to anybody," he said firmly, and utterly unconvincingly. "I'm responsible only for my life. The easiest thing would have been to stay out of football, when you get the treatment that I've been given. My record shows me as quite a decent manager. "I have as much experience as anyone at keeping my nerve." Well, many would tend to find that a particular weakness in Taylor's international record: "I'm manager of the Wolves now. What I think about the World Cup doesn't matter."

I shall leave the last words with *The Wanderer*: "Blessed is he who keeps his faith: a man must never be too eager to reveal his cares, unless he knows already how to bring about a cure by his zeal."

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): M Stowell — A Thompson, M Venus, M Rankine, P Blades — P Shirtliff, D Ferguson, P Cook (sub: P Birch, 72min), K Keen (sub: C Regis, 81) — G Whittingham, L Mills.
TRANMERE ROVERS (4-4-2): E Nixon — D Higgins, I Nolan, G Branagan, J McGreal — L O'Brien, J Morrissey, P Nevin, T Thomas — J Aldridge, K Irons.
Referee: K Lupton.


Taylor was the focus of attention at Molineux during Wolverhampton Wanderers' win on Saturday

Coaches must go Dutch to find cure for wasted talent

Some expressions are habit forming. In the first half of Aberdeen's 1-1 draw at Ibrox on Saturday, Eoin Jess found space on the right of the area, only to shank a drive wide of the Rangers goal. His features snapped into a grimace, a reaction that is in danger of becoming more than an unconsidered reflex.

In a season of missed targets for Jess, the melancholy look is growing hard to avoid. It almost seemed symptomatic that Aberdeen's deft equaliser at the weekend should involve half the team and still not include the striker. Jess can argue that his experiences are unremarkable. After suffering a broken leg last spring, it was always improbable that he would spend this season capering through premier division defences.

All the same, the scrutiny will not slacken, and it seems intolerable that the youth who scored four goals against Dunfermline Athletic in January 1991, soon after his twentieth birthday, can have become so careworn. Surely, precocity should mature into pre-eminence.

In Scotland, however, too many young careers have subsided instead of developing. Two years ago, the under-21 team lagged 3-1 behind Germany in a European championship quarter-final, with little more than 20 minutes remaining, but rallied for a 4-3 victory. Those players may not have failed since but they are threatening to turn into the footballers' equivalent of middle-management, holding down responsible positions but never exercising real power.

Although Gerry Creaney scores goals, he does so at an inappropriate level. Pursuing first division respectability with Portsmouth, in the Endsleigh Insurance League in England, is an unworthy *target for a striker who, in* the early days with Celtic, was pursuing caps and cups.

His team-mates in the 1992 under-21 side must, by and large, share in the sense of diminished horizons. Scott Booth, when not injured, has frequently been a substitute for Aberdeen. Duncan Ferguson also spends Saturday afternoons warming up on the trackside and wondering when he will score for Rangers. Phil O'Donnell, at Motherwell, has made better progress but seems increasingly weary in these closing months of the season. Only Alan McLaren would find a place if there were a Scotland side being named tomorrow.

Significantly, he is a tenacious marker. His range of abilities has its place in the game but there ought to be concern about Scottish football's inability to nurture more subtle gifts.

Development in the premier division is slow and coaches exaggerate the virtues of patience. Jess, 24 this year, is spoken of as if his boyhood was only now coming to an end. Other nations feel able to make greater demands earlier. Jess came on as substitute against Holland in the international match last month but there was a considerable contrast with his counterpart.

Marc Overmars, 21 last week, carried a considerable reputation with him off the bench. As a 19-year-old, his bold running won the penalty that gave the Dutch their crucial 2-2 draw against England at Wembley a year ago. Comparisons should not, however, be made to berate Jess and the rest of Scotland's former starlets. It

KEVIN McCARRA



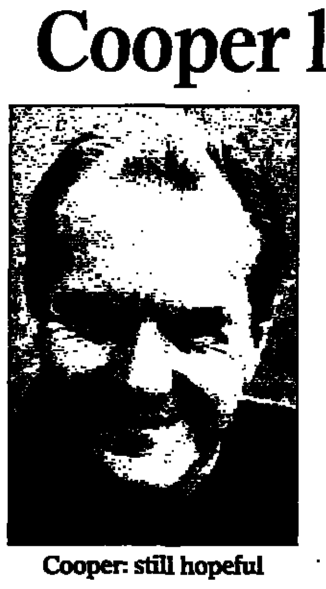
Scottish commentary

is the supervision of their careers that must be called into question. Too few find the mental hardness that would allow their delicate skills to function week by week. For that, the clubs must be held accountable. Just how adept are the men who supervise the development of young players?

Coaching badges abound but that can only lead to *doubts over the quality of these qualifications.* The Scottish Football Association ought to commission an independent survey of the annual training courses that help to produce our managers. There can be few difficulties in finding a foreign observer to carry out the audit. Travel expenses from Holland should be light.

☐ Cowdenbeath, the Scottish second division club, ended a run of 38 home league matches without a win, stretching back three weeks short of two years, when they beat Arbroath 1-0 on Saturday. Willie Callaghan scored the goal in front of 225 supporters.

Cooper looks to future as Exeter's plight grows worse


Cooper: still hopeful

Plymouth Argyle........................1
Exeter City................................0

By Russell Kempson

TERRY Cooper, as player and manager, has experienced every twist and curve of football's emotional roller coaster. From scoring the winner for Leeds United in a League Cup final to shattering a leg and spending almost two years recuperating; from appearing in the World Cup finals for England to hearing his playing days were ending at Bristol City; from leading Exeter to a fourth division title to absorbing abuse from the Birmingham City terraces.

Impending relegation at Exeter, where Cooper is now two months into his second spell, is merely par for the course. Having tasted fantasy and failure in equal measure, and always come back for more, such a plight no longer chills the core or dulls the senses. Hope — a chink of light in the condemned cell — still springs eternal.

Even undeserved defeat in the 46th Devon derby with Plymouth, in the Endsleigh Insurance League second division at Home Park on Saturday, produced a chuckle, a smile and a promise of brighter days ahead. "We kept battling to the end and probably should have nicked a draw," Cooper, 49, said. "It gives you a little bit of hope and it's something to build on. Maybe it's not enough for the short term but I'm looking more to two years' time, when we're solvent again and we've got a good side." During the Don Revie era at Elland Road, if Norman Hunter didn't bite yer legs, Cooper surely would. Yet it is mental, rather than physical, resilience that has helped him endure three dismissals and two resignations during a 15-year managerial career.

Three times he has threatened to leave the game — twice after crowd trouble at matches and, most recently, in November, when the Brummie faithful blamed him alone for their side's downward surge. He acceded to their none-too-polite requests and, two months later, re-emerged in the sanctuary of St James' Park, where expectations are more realistic. Since his arrival, however, little has changed. Five of Alan Ball's players have gone, seven new ones brought in, but Exeter still lie 22nd in the table, staring at the third division. Had Storer and Ross taken clear chances on Saturday, Dalton's 47th-minute goal would have been wiped out and Plymouth's promotion nerves, after three successive defeats, frayed further. Peter Shilton, the Plymouth manager, has also been there, seen it, done it. For him, the first division beckons; for Cooper, once again, the drawing board awaits.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (4-3-3): A Nicholls — M Patterson, K Hill, A Comyn, D Naylor — W Burnett, S Castle, S McCall — P Dalton, K Nugent, M Evans (sub: M Barlow, 65min).
EXETER CITY (4-4-2): A McKnight — A Llewellyn, R Turner, S Daniels, J Brown (D Mehew, 19) — J Minett, D Bailey, M Cooper, M Gavin — M Ross (M Phillips, 83), S Storer.
Referee: R Gifford.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Carling Premiership

ARSENAL (1) 1 SWINDON (1) 1
Smith 4 — Bodin 29 (pen)
31,634

BLACKBURN (0) 2 MAN UTD (0) 0
Shearer 46, 76
20,866

CHELSEA (1) 2 SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
Spencer 44, Johnsen 80
19,801

COVENTRY (0) 1 WIMBLEDON (2) 2
Ndlovu 64 — Castledine 32, Holdsworth 40
11,290

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 SHEFF UTD (0) 2
Rush 3 — Flo 46, 72
36,642

MAN CITY (2) 3 A VILLA (0) 0
Beagrie 39, Walsh 45, Rosler 53
26,075

NORWICH (0) 1 TOTTENHAM (0) 2
Sutton 71 — Sheringham 56, Woodthorpe 78 (og)
21,181

OLDHAM (1) 4 QPR (1) 1
Jobson 44, Beckford 46, S McCarthy 52, A McCarthy 89 (og) — Ferdinand 35
10,440

SHEFF WED (2) 5 EVERTON (0) 1
Jones 11, Bart-Williams 43, Worthington 76, Bright 81, 87 — Cottee 76
24,096

WEST HAM (1) 2 IPSWICH (0) 1
Rush 17, Morley 75 — Marshall 87
18,307

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Man Utd	35	11	5	1	32	11	11	5	2	37	23	76
2 Blackburn	35	13	3	2	29	10	9	4	4	25	18	73
3 Newcastle	35	11	3	3	41	11	8	4	5	28	23	64
4 Arsenal	35	9	7	2	23	12	7	7	3	24	8	62
5 Leeds	35	11	5	1	30	14	3	9	6	18	20	56
6 Liverpool	36	11	4	3	32	20	4	4	10	22	28	53
7 Sheff Wed	35	8	6	4	39	22	5	6	6	24	27	51
8 Wimbledon	35	9	4	4	28	19	5	5	8	14	28	51
9 QPR	33	7	4	4	27	19	7	4	7	28	27	50
10 A Villa	35	7	4	7	20	15	6	7	4	19	21	50
11 Norwich	36	4	8	6	21	22	7	6	5	37	31	47
12 Chelsea	34	9	4	4	24	15	2	4	11	15	29	41
13 Coventry	35	7	6	5	19	15	3	5	9	16	27	41
14 West Ham	34	6	6	5	21	23	4	5	8	13	25	41
15 Ipswich	36	5	7	6	18	27	4	7	7	14	20	41
16 Tottenham	35	3	8	7	24	27	6	4	7	22	21	39
17 Everton	36	7	3	8	23	25	3	4	11	14	28	37
18 Oldham	34	5	6	6	22	28	4	4	9	13	25	37
19 Man City	36	5	8	5	19	18	2	7	9	12	24	36
20 Sheff Utd	36	5	9	4	20	20	1	7	10	14	33	34
21 Soton	35	7	2	8	23	28	2	4	11	11	23	33
22 Swindon	36	4	7	7	23	35	0	7	11	18	51	26

FRIDAY: FA Carling Premiership: Leeds United 1 Newcastle United 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 1 Gresley 0; Chelmsford 3 Sittingbourne 2; Corby 0 Cambridge City 0, Dorchester 1 Waterlooville 2, Farnborough 3 Bashley 1, Gloucester 1 Worcester 2; Halesowen 2 Hednesford 1; Hastings 0 Crawley 1, Nuneaton 0 Atherstone 1. Solihull 2 Moor Green 1. Trowbridge 2 Cheltenham 2. Midland division: Armitage 0 Bedworth 1. Bilston 2 Bridgnorth 0; Clevedon 1 Weston-s-Mare 3; Dudley 0 Stourbridge 3; Forest Green 5 Yate 0; Grantham 2 King's Lynn 1; Leicester United 0. Hinckley 2; RC Warwick 0 Evesham 2; Redditch 2 Newport AFC 1; Sutton Coldfield 0 Tamworth 1: VS Rugby 2 Rushden and Diamonds 2. Southern division: Bury Town 1 Sudbury 5. Canterbury 0 Margate 2; Fisher 93 1 Burnham 1, Gravesend and Northfleet 0 Ashford 0; Newport IOW 1 Braintree 0; Salisbury 1 Havant 0; Tonbridge AFC 0 Erith and Belvedere 2; Wealdstone 4 Dunstable 0; Witney 2 Buckingham 0.

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division

BIRMINGHAM (1) 3 STOKE (1) 1
Claridge 35, Ward 55, Willis 57 — Carruthers 33
13,568

BRISTOL C (0) 0 WEST BROM (0) 0
8,624

CHARLTON (0) 4 SOUTHEND (0) 3
Gorman 46, Leaburn 55, Pardew 59, 89 — Hunt 65, Angell 84, 87
9,117

C PALACE (0) 2 OXFORD UTD (0) 1
Armstrong 47, Stewart 69 — Byrne 58
15,510

DERBY (1) 2 BARNSLEY (0) 0
Johnson 24, Harkes 53
14,968

LUTON (1) 2 PETERBORO (0) 0
Oakes 29, 77
8,398

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 NOTTM FOR (1) 2
Pollock 45, 69 — Lee 29, Rosario 60
17,056

NOTTS CO (1) 2 GRIMSBY (0) 1
Matthews 8, Draper 82 — Rodger 69
7,205

PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 MILLWALL (0) 2
Powell 43, Creaney 86 (pen) — Cunningham 46, Mitchell 89
11,591

SUNDERLAND (0) 2 BOLTON (0) 0
Russell 53, 85
18,574

WATFORD (0) 1 LEICESTER (0) 1
Bailey 90 — Agnew 51
8,645

WOLVES (1) 2 TRANMERE (0) 1
Whittingham 30, Mills 83 — Aldridge 73
26,592

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 C Palace	40	14	4	2	37	16	8	5	7	28	25	75
2 Nottm For	38	11	7	2	34	19	8	3	7	28	23	67
3 Leicester	38	11	5	3	39	24	6	5	8	20	24	61
4 Millwall	37	12	6	1	31	14	4	7	7	18	27	61
5 Derby	38	12	2	4	35	19	5	6	9	22	35	59
6 Notts Co	38	15	1	3	38	20	3	3	13	17	40	58
7 Charlton	37	12	3	4	29	14	5	4	9	19	26	58
8 Wolves	37	9	7	3	30	16	5	7	6	22	21	56
9 Tranmere	38	12	3	4	38	19	4	5	10	14	25	56
10 Middlesbro	38	9	6	3	29	13	5	7	8	20	25	55
11 Stoke	39	12	2	5	29	17	3	8	9	18	35	55
12 Sunderland	37	13	2	4	28	13	3	4	11	13	30	54
13 Southend	39	9	5	6	28	22	6	2	11	25	32	52
14 Grimsby	38	6	11	1	23	14	6	5	9	25	28	52
15 Portsmouth	39	9	6	4	27	17	4	6	10	20	34	51
16 Bristol C	38	8	6	5	20	16	5	6	8	17	27	51
17 Luton	36	11	2	5	33	18	2	6	10	15	27	47
18 Bolton	37	8	6	3	30	22	4	5	11	18	28	47
19 Barnsley	37	7	3	8	22	21	6	4	9	26	31	46
20 West Brom	38	8	7	5	34	24	3	4	12	17	32	44
21 Watford	38	8	5	7	34	33	2	3	14	19	41	38
22 Oxford Utd	38	8	3	8	24	29	2	5	12	16	35	38
23 Birmingham	40	8	6	7	23	26	1	4	14	15	36	37
24 Peterboro	39	6	9	5	24	20	2	3	14	14	33	36

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham 0 Crediton 0; Frome 2 Minehead 1; Odd Down 6 Elmore 2; Taunton 4 Mangotsfield 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington 5 Colwyn Bay 5; Barrow 1 Hyde 4. Droylsden 1 Bridlington Town 0; Emley 1 Buxton 4; Fleetwood 2 Leek 1; Frickley 0 Boston 1; Horwich 3 Marine 5; Knowsley 0 Chorley 1; Whitley Bay 3 Morecambe 1; Winsford 0 Gainsborough 0.

First division: Curzon Ashton 1 Netherfield 2; Eastwood Town 3 Harrogate 0; Great Harwood 4 Gretna 2; Goole 1 Alfreton 1; Guiseley 4 Farsley Celtic 0; Lancaster 0 Ashton 1; Radcliffe 2 Congleton 2; Warrington 2 Bamber Bridge 0; Worksop 0 Spennymoor 1.

Second division

BARNET (0) 1 BRIGHTON (1) 1
Dichio 76 — Nogan 43
2,733

BLACKPOOL (0) 2 STOCKPORT (0) 0
Bonner 74, Watson 79
5,235

BRENTFORD (0) 1 BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1
Grainger 71 — Fletcher 31
4,305

CAMBRIDGE (1) 3 LEYTON ORIENT (0) 1
Butler 12, 48 (pen), 51 — Cooper 90
3,762

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 HARTLEPOOL (0) 1
Booth 65 — West 77
5,717

HULL (0) 1 YORK (0) 1
Windass 85 — McCarthy 58
8,190

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 EXETER (0) 0
Dalton 47
12,986

PORT VALE (1) 2 FULHAM (2) 2
Allon 45, 64 — Pike 12, Farrell 38
7,380

READING (1) 2 BRISTOL R (0) 0
Quinn 16, Lovell 49
8,035

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 BRADFORD (1) 1
Williams 45, Goater 63 — Tomlinson 23
4,604

SWANSEA (0) 1 CARDIFF (0) 0
Penney 67 (pen)
3,711

WREXHAM (0) 1 BURNLEY (0) 0
Bennett 50
7,253

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Reading	39	14	4	2	37	15	9	4	6	34	25	77
2 Plymouth	39	14	4	2	41	22	7	4	8	23	27	71
3 Stockport	36	14	0	5	45	18	8	7	4	17	18	67
4 Port Vale	37	12	6	1	37	15	8	4	8	22	22	64
5 York	38	11	5	4	30	11	7	5	8	26	24	64
6 Bristol R	40	9	7	4	28	23	9	2	9	23	28	63
7 Burnley	39	15	2	2	45	16	3	5	12	21	35	61
8 Hull	40	8	7	5	27	18	8	4	8	28	33	59
9 Brentford	40	7	9	4	27	23	6	8	6	25	21	56
10 Bradford	38	10	4	4	28	17	5	7	8	22	29	56
11 Wrexham	38	12	4	3	42	24	3	6	10	17	39	55
12 Cambridge	40	10	5	5	31	20	5	4	11	28	42	54
13 L Orient	40	10	8	2	34	22	3	5	12	18	39	52
14 Bournemouth	38	7	6	6	23	23	6	7	6	22	26	52
15 Swansea	38	10	7	2	32	16	3	4	12	15	31	50
16 Brighton	38	8	7	4	28	20	4	7	9	18	33	50
17 Blackpool	40	11	2	7	36	30	3	2	14	20	34	46
18 Rotherham	37	8	3	8	30	29	4	6	9	20	27	45
19 Huddersfield	38	5	7	6	18	24	6	5	9	22	28	45
20 Fulham	39	6	5	9	18	20	6	3	10	27	35	44
21 Cardiff	35	8	5	4	29	19	2	6	10	19	36	41
22 Exeter	37	8	7	6	32	29	2	5	11	31	33	36
23 Hartlepool	40	7	3	10	25	30	1	6	13	11	35	33
24 Barnet	38	3	5	11	18	26	1	6	13	17	46	23

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Civil Service 1 South Bank Polytechnic 0; East Barnet OG 6 Broomfield 0; Parkonians 1 Kew Association 0. Stationers 2 Polytechnic 4.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 1 Ebbw Vale 1; Briton Ferry 0 Afan Lido 3; Caersws 0 Mold 2; Holywell 3 Conwy 1; Llanelli 2 Maesteg Park 1; Porthmadog 0 Flint 2; Ton Pentre 0 Haverfordwest 0.

Third division

BURY (1) 1 WALSALL (0) 2
Smith 9 (og) — Peer 68, Butler 75
2,263

CARLISLE (0) 2 DARLINGTON (0) 0
Walling 53, Thomas 65
4,068

CHESTER (1) 3 PRESTON (2) 2
Lancashire 22, 87, Leonard 67 — Ainsworth 13, Ellis 32
5,638

DONCASTER (0) 0 CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
2,748

MANSFIELD (1) 1 COLCHESTER (1) 1
Holland 5 — Gray 33 (og)
2,117

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 GILLINGHAM (0) 2
Palmer 90 — Carpenter 64, Forster 66
4,579

SCARBORO (0) 2 ROCHDALE (0) 1
White 62, Charles 76 — Thackeray 49
1,448

SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 LINCOLN (0) 0
Alexander 17, Goodacre 54
3,571

SHREWSBURY (0) 2 HEREFORD (0) 0
Spink 81, Lynch 90
5,310

WIGAN (1) 2 CREWE (1) 2
Lyons 28, Kilford 72 — Naylor 12, Murphy 88
2,335

WYCOMBE (1) 1 TORQUAY (0) 1
Crossley 13 — Sale 90
5,808

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Chester	36	11	5	3	28	14	8	4	6	31	24	66
2 Shrewsbury	34	9	5	3	26	16	8	4	3	27	18	64
3 Wycombe	35	10	3	4	27	17	8	6	4	29	25	63
4 Crewe	35	10	3	4	37	25	8	5	5	32	28	62
5 Preston	35	12	4	2	43	19	4	8	7	27	31	58
6 Torquay	36	6	9	3	25	22	8	5	5	30	28	56
7 Walsall	36	7	4	7	25	21	9	4	5	18	21	56
8 Chesterfield	35	7	6	5	26	20	8	4	6	22	24	55
9 Scunthorpe	36	8	7	3	35	18	5	5	8	18	25	51
10 Bury	36	9	4	5	32	20	5	3	10	21	32	49
11 Carlisle	35	7	4	6	27	20	6	5	7	16	17	48
12 Rochdale	34	9	4	4	31	14	3	6	8	20	27	46
13 Mansfield	36	8	3	7	28	25	4	7	7	20	29	46
14 Lincoln	36	7	3	8	25	26	5	5	8	21	28	44
15 Gillingham	35	7	5	5	21	18	4	6	8	17	24	44
16 Colchester	36	7	4	7	28	28	4	6	8	22	33	43
17 Scarboro	35	7	2	9	23	24	5	4	9	20	30	42
18 Doncaster	35	7	5	6	23	22	4	4	10	13	26	42
19 Hereford	36	5	3	10	28	28	5	2	11	23	41	35
20 Wigan	35	3	7	8	28	33	5	3	9	16	28	34
21 Northampton	36	5	7	5	23	20	3	3	12	17	35	34
22 Darlington	36	6	5	7	22	23	1	6	11	13	33	32

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 1 Cliftonville 2; Ballyclare 1 Larne 0; Coleraine 0 Portadown 1; Crusaders 1 Ballymena 0; Distillery 1 Glenavon 1; Linfield 2 Carrick 1; Newry 1 Glentoran 1.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 2 Brandon 1; Chester Le Street 3 West Auckland 0; Dunston FB 3 Stockton 1; Ferryhill 0 Guisborough 3; Hebburn 4 Eppleton CW 3; Murton 0 Blyth Spartans 2; Seaham Red Star 0 Newcastle Blue Star 0; Tow Law 3 Consett 0; Whitby 3 Northallerton 0.

GM Vauxhall Conference

ALTRINCHAM (0) 1 SOUTHPORT (0) 2
Sharratt 73 — Blissett 58, Haw 79
982

BATH (1) 3 TELFORD (0) 0
Adcock 38, 68, 73
473

BROMSGROVE (0) 0 SLOUGH (1) 1
Sayer 32
752

DOVER (0) 1 MACCLESFIELD (1) 2
Milton 83 — Alford 19, 86 (pen)
942

MERTHYR (0) 0 KETTERING (1) 1
Dempsey 10
527

NORTHWICH (0) 0 HALIFAX (1) 2
Hanson 28, Barr 85
927

RUNCORN (1) 2 DAG & RED (1) 1
Brady 16, Connor 77 — Green 34
496

STAFFORD (2) 3 WELLING (0) 0
May 10, 17, Mettioui 71
781

STALYBRIDGE (1) 2 WITTON (1) 1
Arnold 44, Kirkham 64 (pen) — Burke 41
537

WOKING (1) 1 GATESHEAD (0) 0
Clement 41
1,669

YEOVIL (0) 0 KIDDERMINSTER (0) 1
Humphreys 78
2,835

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Kidderminster	32	12	3	2	27	9	7	3	5	24	18	63
2 Kettering	35	7	7	4	20	13	9	5	3	20	8	60
3 Southport	33	9	7	1	25	16	6	3	7	23	24	55
4 Woking	33	10	5	2	27	14	4	6	6	20	31	53
5 Bath	34	6	6	5	28	17	6	7	4	18	16	49
6 Runcorn	32	10	3	2	34	18	1	13	3	17	24	49
7 Stafford	35	8	7	4	31	20	3	7	6	15	23	47
8 Dover	33	9	3	6	28	17	5	2	8	15	22	47
9 Welling	31	7	5	5	23	17	5	5	4	20	16	46
10 Macclesfield	33	5	6	5	20	16	8	0	9	19	27	45
11 Halifax	31	4	8	2	21	12	6	5	6	26	28	43
12 Northwich	32	6	6	3	18	12	3	9	5	13	20	42
13 Telford	34	5	6	5	19	19	5	5	8	17	22	41
14 Gateshead	30	7	6	3	17	12	3	4	7	13	23	40
15 Slough	34	7	4	4	26	19	3	6	10	14	32	40
16 Bromsgrv	30	4	6	6	19	24	6	3	5	22	25	39
17 Merthyr	34	6	7	4	27	19	3	6	8	19	27	38
18 Dag & Red	31	8	3	4	32	19	1	7	8	10	23	37
19 Altrincham	33	5	3	8	16	20	5	3	9	13	20	36
20 Stalybridge	34	3	5	8	16	25	5	6	7	20	24	35
21 Yeovil	33	6	2	9	20	23	3	5	8	17	31	34
22 Witton	35	3	6	8	16	26	3	4	11	13	24	28

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup Borough 0 Clitheroe 2; Bootle 5 Glossop North End 3; Chadderton 0 Burscough 2; Eastwood Hanley 2 Blackpool Rovers 1; Flixton 0 Maine Road (Man) 3; Newcastle Town 1 Bradford PA 1; Prescot 1 Penrith 2; Rossendale 1 Salford 1; Skelmersdale 3 Darwen 1.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 1 Yeading 1; Carshalton 1 Hitchin 4; Harrow 3 Dorking 2; Hayes 2 Kingstonian 1; Hendon 2 Molesey 0; Marlow 0 Chesham 2; St Albans 5 Grays 3; Stevenage 4 Aylesbury 0; Sutton 0 Dulwich 3. First division: Abingdon 0 Walton and Hersham 3; Berkhamsted 14 Croydon 1; Bognor Regis 1 Barking 2; Boreham Wood 1 Whyteleafe 0; Chalfont St Peter 0 Worthing 3; Maidenhead 0 Billericay 2; Purfleet 3 Windsor and Eton 1; Staines 0 Bishop's Stortford 0; Tooting and Mitcham 1 Ruislip Manor 0; Uxbridge 0 Heybridge 1; Wembley 1 Leyton 1. Second division: Aldershot Town 3 Hungerford 1; Banstead Athletic 0 Hemel Hempstead 0; Barton 3 Rainham 0; Collier Row 2 Leatherhead 1; Edgware 2 Lewes 3; Egham 0 Malden Vale 1; Newbury 5 Witham 1; Saffron Walden 1 Metropolitan Police 5; Thame 5 Hampton 0; Tilbury 1 Chertsey 2; Ware 1 Aveley 0. Third division: Camberley 2 Oxford City 1; Clapton 2 Harlow 3; Feltham and Hounslow 0 Harefield 1; Hertford 1 Cove 2; Hornchurch 2 Northwood 1; Kingsbury 1 Cheshunt 3; Leighton 2 Horsham 0; Royston 0 East Thurrock 2; Southall 1 Bracknell 6; Tring 0 Epsom and Ewell 0.

Scottish League
Premier division

DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 CELTIC (2) 3
Brewster 78 — Falconer 8, Collins 45 (pen), Mowbray 58
9,713

HIBERNIAN (0) 0 ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0
6,640

KILMARNOCK (0) 0 HEARTS (1) 1
Millar 23
8,022

MOTHERWELL (1) 2 PARTICK (1) 2
Coyne 17, Philliben 69 — English 13, Grant 88
6,444

RAITH (0) 1 DUNDEE (1) 1
Crawford 51 — Shaw 13
3,245

RANGERS (1) 1 ABERDEEN (0) 1
McCall 13 — Kane 77
45,888

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Rangers	36	10	4	4	36	20	10	7	1	30	15	51
2 Motherwell	37	9	7	3	27	16	8	5	5	22	20	46
3 Aberdeen	36	10	6	2	29	10	4	10	4	20	22	44
4 Hibernian	37	10	5	3	28	13	5	7	7	23	25	42
5 Celtic	36	8	7	3	20	12	6	7	5	22	17	42
6 Dundee U	36	4	9	4	20	19	5	9	5	18	18	36
7 Hearts	36	5	7	6	17	19	4	8	6	12	17	33
8 Partick	36	7	6	4	18	13	3	7	9	22	36	33
9 Kilmarnock	37	4	9	6	15	19	5	5	8	15	23	32
10 St Johnstone	36	6	6	7	23	25	1	10	6	6	18	30
11 Raith	37	3	10	6	21	29	2	5	11	16	37	25
12 Dundee	36	5	7	7	22	23	1	3	13	12	28	22

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Wel 2 Eccleshill 1; Ashfield 0 Brigg 7; Belper 4 Glasshoughton Wel 1; Lincoln United 3 Maltby MW 0; Liversedge 0 Thackley 2; N Ferriby 0 Hucknall 1; Ossett Town 0 Stocksbridge PS 5; Pontefract Col 1 Denaby 0; Sheffield 0 Ossett Alb 2; Winterton R 1 Pickering 5.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Atalanta 1 Udinese 1; Cremonese 0 Sampdoria 0; Foggia 1 Piacenza 0; Genoa 1 Lazio 1; Juventus 1 Internazionale 0; Lecce 1 Torino 2; AC Milan 1 Parma 1; Reggiana 1 Napoli 0; Roma 2 Cagliari 0. Leading positions (after 30 matches): 1, AC Milan, 47pts; 2, Juventus, 41; 3, Sampdoria, 40.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Paris Saint Germain 2 Cannes 1; Lyons 1 Toulouse 0; Sochaux 1 Marseilles 1; Montpellier 1 Lille 3; Martigues 1 Monaco 3; Metz 0 Saint-Etienne 1; Lens 5 Le Havre 1; Angers 1 Bordeaux 3; Caen 3 Strasbourg 1; Auxerre 3 Nantes 1. Leading positions (after 32 matches): 1, Paris Saint-Germain, 50; 2, Marseilles, 43; 3, Auxerre, 40.

First division

AIRDRIE (0) 0 FALKIRK (0) 0
4,200

AYR (0) 0 BRECHIN (0) 0
1,521

DUMBARTON (0) 2 ST MIRREN (2) 3
Gibson 68, Mooney 75 — Bone 24, Elliot 43, Lavety 83
1,377

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2 STIRLING (1) 1
O'Boyle 20, Smith 61 — Mitchell 24
4,530

HAMILTON (0) 2 CLYDE (1) 1
McLean 62, Duffield 69 — McConnell 13
1,374

MORTON (1) 1 CLYDEBANK (1) 1
Alexander 5 — Jack 38
1,163

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Dunfermline	37	14	2	2	51	16	10	4	5	28	14	54
2 Falkirk	37	13	4	2	36	14	8	8	2	28	14	54
3 Airdrie	37	8	7	4	26	17	9	4	5	23	15	45
4 Hamilton	37	10	5	3	37	16	6	7	6	22	26	44
5 Clydebank	37	8	4	6	23	25	7	7	5	25	17	41
6 St Mirren	37	8	3	8	24	22	8	5	5	27	26	40
7 Ayr	37	5	7	6	16	23	7	5	7	20	22	36
8 Dumbarton	37	4	7	8	22	26	6	5	7	21	21	32
9 Stirling	37	7	5	6	22	24	5	3	11	16	32	32
10 Morton	37	3	10	5	18	21	2	6	11	18	40	26
11 Clyde	37	5	5	9	13	18	2	4	12	14	32	23
12 Brechin	37	4	3	12	12	30	1	4	13	10	39	17

Second division

COWDENBEATH (0) 1 ARBROATH (0) 0
Callaghan 75
225

E FIFE (0) 3 ALBION (1) 1
Hope 68, Scott 75, Allan 79 — Scott 36
592

FORFAR (0) 0 MEADOWBANK (0) 0
508

MONTROSE (0) 0 E STIRLING ([illegible]) 2
McCallum 16, McKinlay 30
583

QUEEN OF S (0) 0 BERWICK ([illegible]) [illegible]
828

QUEEN'S PK (0) 1 STRANRAER ([illegible]) 1
Graham 81 — Walker 41
970

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 ALLOA (0) 0
Mathieson 70
500

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Stranraer	33	12	2	2	34	17	6	8	3	19	14	46
2 Stenhsmuir	33	9	5	3	32	14	8	2	6	23	22	41
3 Meadowbnk	33	8	7	1	31	18	6	5	6	21	21	40
4 Berwick	33	6	6	4	27	21	7	5	5	30	21	37
5 E Fife	33	9	5	3	32	20	5	3	8	19	24	36
6 Alloa	33	5	6	5	13	13	6	7	4	22	19	35
7 Queen of S	33	8	2	7	33	18	5	6	5	26	26	34
8 Forfar	33	6	6	5	26	25	6	4	6	23	22	34
9 E Stirling	33	7	2	7	24	23	5	7	5	22	23	33
10 Montrose	33	5	4	8	20	23	7	3	6	28	30	31
11 Queen's Pk	33	8	4	5	28	27	2	4	10	16	41	28
12 Arbroath	33	4	8	4	21	24	5	1	11	18	32	27
13 Albion	33	2	4	10	15	27	4	5	8	19	29	21
14 Cowdenbth	33	1	3	13	17	34	5	4	7	21	29	19

GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayern Munich 1 FC Cologne 0; Fribourg 2 Schalke 04 3; Bayer Leverkusen 3 Karlsruhe SC 1; VfB Leipzig 1 Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Borussia Dortmund 3 Werder Bremen 2. Leading positions (after 28 matches): 1, Bayern Munich, 37 points; 2, Eintracht Frankfurt, 33; 3, Bayer Leverkusen, 32.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	2½	1½	3½	1½	1½	3	1½	3	3	1½	2½	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	2½	3	3	2	2	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: Dividends are very good with nine jackpot draws, three high score draws and two no-score draws. Telephone claims required for 23½ and 24 points.

هكذا من الأجل

هكذا من الأصل

Manchester United drop precious points in chase for Premiership title

Shearer strikes body blow for Blackburn

Blackburn Rovers 2
Manchester United..... 0

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

IAN STEWART



Shearer, scorer of both goals, grapples with Bruce, the Manchester United central defender, in Blackburn Rovers' 2-0 FA Carling Premiership victory at Ewood Park

IF EVER Alan Shearer was sent to the front lines, you know he would be first with his bayonet. But since he operates in the theatre of sport, his awesome aggression is fired through the raw, unforgiving thrusts at goal. It was his two body blows at Ewood Park on Saturday that opened up the FA Carling Premiership, that turned the fierce attrition of the first half into excitement in the second and leaves deep wounds in United's belief that this is to be their second successive championship year.

No man is an island, much less a team. But with wind biting into the marrow, with fouls as persistent as the hailstones, Shearer sent a tingle of excitement down the spine even of the uncommitted few inside a half-finished stadium.

You could sense a personal dislike between Shearer and Peter Schmeichel, the United goalkeeper, and anyone with an eye for passion could see the venom with which he dispatched his goals.

Try telling Blackburnites, who have lived without hope for decades, that it is only a game. The championship was last won by their team in 1914; their town has disintegrated from prosperous cotton mill production to high unemployment and low housing quality. And up to three years ago, if 6,000 mustered at the decaying Ewood Park, it was more than the expected quorum.

Even east Lancastrians were sceptical when Jack Walker said he would spend whatever it took out of his steel fortune to resurrect his boyhood club. The catalyst to that resurrection was luring Kenny Dalglish out of retirement to manage the team — but the most important purchase was the £3.3 million Shearer.

United wanted him and, when they were outbid by Walker, Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said: "If we had got Shearer, we couldn't have signed Eric Cantona, and he's a genius." Absent genius on Saturday, and for the next four matches.

An altercation between Mark Hughes, whose flagrant kick at Graeme Le Saux brought a petulant response, had been the nastiest moment of a worrying first half with £40 million worth of talent running around with too much speed to control emotions, too much tension to create, too little intent to legitimately wound the opposition by scoring. Pallister had been the exception, going close to an own goal with a desperate lunge in the second minute; 35 minutes later, penetrating the the Blackburn penalty box, he turned right, left and right again but scooped the ball wide.

At that time, you could see no outcome but a draw; and you despaired of the mood of purblind frenzy with which Blackburn folk, families with as many daughters as sons, vent their wrath on the visiting players in the new mood of hate United.

But the mood of the match changed abruptly 50 seconds into the second half, when Shearer struck. Some say it was pure instinct. It was more than that.

It is hard to believe that in the dressing-room, Dalglish, a forward, and his coach, Ray Harford, a defender, had not noticed the tendency in United's defence for Bruce and Pallister to stand their ground and make their tackles in central positions. Within that first minute, Sherwood intelligently chipped the ball from the right, high and deep over the area, beyond the far post. It isolated Shearer against the diminutive Parker; it was no contest. Shearer was airborne earlier, stayed up longer. The force of the header, the despair of the dive of Schmeichel, opened up to a piercing cry of "Shearer! Shearer!"

MANCHESTER UNITED: Today: Oldham (h). Apr 13: Leeds (a). Apr 16: Wimbledon (a). Apr 25: Manchester City (h). Apr 30: Ipswich (a). May 4: Southampton (h). May 7: Coventry (h).

BLACKBURN ROVERS: Today: Everton (a). Apr 11: Aston Villa (h). Apr 16: Southampton (a). Apr 24: QPR (h). Apr 27: West Ham (a). Apr 30: Coventry (a). May 7: Ipswich (h).

United are not champions for nothing. Twice, they might have equalised. But Flowers, through instinct, deflected a volley from Kanchelskis, and Ince mishit a shot against the base of a post.

With Batty and Sherwood biting as fierce as the wind, with Ripley and Wilcox negating United's wingers, all doubt ended in the 77th minute. Ripley off-loaded the ball as if out of a catapult from the centre circle, Shearer had pace and muscle to reach it ahead of Pallister, and the shot from his left foot was as uncompromising as the earlier header.

"Left foot!" Shearer said, smiling. "I reckon they all ducked in the top tier behind the goal when they saw which foot it was coming to."

False modesty. Shearer shot with the compulsion that makes him England's most ferocious striker, just as he had headed without regard to the fact that his nose had been broken at Wimbledon four days earlier.

His record this season is 29 out of Blackburn's 54 league goals; in fact, 29 out of the 45 that have been scored during his restricted appearances. This time last year, he was a player whose serious knee injury left doubt about whether he would perform at this level again. And after the match, with Dalglish whistling in the corridors, with Walker stealing almost silently into the night, Shearer came out to usurp his manager.

Dalglish was holding forth when the assembled press spotted Shearer across the room. Threequarters of them turned and left Dalglish in mid-sentence.

With common sense, Shearer said that United are still three points ahead; that if they win the last seven games, nothing Blackburn can do will overhaul them. Over the last seven, with their continuity fragemented between cup games, United have dropped 12 points out of 21. Either they arrest that or Blackburn, and Shearer, will be irresistible.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, D May, C Hendry, G Le Saux — S Ripley, T Sherwood, D Batty, J Wilcox — M Newell (sub: N Marker, 84min), A Shearer.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — P Parker (sub: B McClair, 70), S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — A Kanchelskis, R Keane, P Ince, L Sharpe — R Giggs, M Hughes.

Referee: R Milford.

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Manchester Utd	35	76	+35	WDDWL
2	Blackburn	35	73	+25	WWWLW
3	Newcastle	35	64	+36	WWWWD
4	Arsenal	35	62	+27	WWDWD
5	Leeds	35	58	+14	DWWLD
6	Liverpool	36	55	+6	WWLLL
7	Sheffield Wed	35	51	+14	DLLWW
8	Wimbledon	35	51	-3	LLWWW
9	QPR	33	50	+7	WDWWL
10	Aston Villa	35	50	+3	LLLDL
11	Norwich	36	47	+5	LWLLL
12	Chelsea	34	41	-5	WLWLW
13	Coventry	35	41	-7	LLLWL
14	West Ham	34	41	-14	DLLLW
15	Ipswich	36	39	-14	DLLDL
16	Tottenham	35	39	-2	DDDWW
17	Everton	36	37	-16	LLLDL
18	Oldham	34	37	-18	LWDWW
19	Manchester City	36	36	-11	LDDDW
20	Sheffield Utd	35	34	-19	DDDWW
21	Southampton	35	33	-17	DLDLL
22	Swindon	36	26	-45	DLDLD

Weekly change: Up — Stayed the same — Down

Ball needs to apply honesty to tactical formation

Chelsea 2
Southampton 0

By Alyson Rudd

ALAN Ball, the Southampton manager, used the words "brutally honest" almost as a mantra. This defeat took his team to second from bottom of the Premiership — a fate which demands something of a brutal response.

Ball tried to inject the honesty element straight away and he conceded that on their second-half performance Chelsea were worthy winners, while his players "will have to be brutally honest about the situation they've got the club into".

Once again, he said, Southampton were punished for failing to score during a spell when they were playing the better football. On Saturday they played reasonably well in the first half. They tried to exploit Chelsea's vulnerability to attacks down the flank, and Dowie saw his best effort hit the post.

But, just as the half drew to a close, it was Chelsea who took the lead, Spencer nonchalantly using the outside of his right foot to connect with a loose ball following Wise's corner.

Six months ago Chelsea, clearly confused by the tactical ambitions of their new manager, Glenn Hoddle, would have sat on a 1-0 half-time lead, bringing the entire team back to defend it. Against Southampton, though, their football flowed and the second goal, a header by Johnsen from another Wise corner, was the least they deserved.

If Ball wants brutal honesty, he could start by reassessing his formation. When Southampton needed men behind the ball they looked exposed and when they needed to press forward they looked overcrowded in defence.

Hoddle, meanwhile, is dodging the honesty issue. More of his side picked up injuries but he was not prepared to say how bad these were or who was afflicted. He becomes more secretive the better Chelsea perform. The Stamford Bridge faithful will be hoping that come next Saturday evening the Chelsea manager is refusing to divulge what he had for breakfast.

CHELSEA (4-1-2-1-2): D Kharine — S Clarke, J Kjeldbjerg, E Johnsen, F Sinclair — E Newton — C Burley, D Wise — G Peacock — J Spencer (sub: D Barnard, 86 min), D Hopkin (sub: A Cascarino, 45).

SOUTHAMPTON (3-5-2): D Beasant — J Kenna (sub: J Dodd, 75), K Monkou, S Wood (sub: C Maskell, 75) — P Allen, F Benali, N Maddison, J Magilton, S Charlton — M Le Tissier, I Dowie.

Referee: M Reed.

Bassett's hunters on the prowl

Liverpool 1
Sheffield United 2

By Oliver Holt

WHEN winter turns to spring, Sheffield United become the hunters and not the quarry. They reeled another one in at Anfield on Saturday to move to the edge of the relegation zone. Manchester City, Oldham Athletic and the rest are casting nervous glances behind them.

Dave Bassett's team is in a groove now. Six games without defeat, two victories in succession: this was their first away win of the season. While others freeze in the spotlight, United seem emancipated by the pressure, habitual veterans of this annual struggle.

They know their subject inside out, and refuse to panic. They have mastered the knack of pouncing on teams like Liverpool, floundering in the remains of a fruitless season, unaccustomed to fighting for points when there are no trophies at stake.

Liverpool too make a fascinating study — a team crippled by the inability to cast off the playing remnants of the sides that brought them so many honours. Nicol is too slow at centre back Whelan fades after half-time, and Barnes's contributions are increasingly insubstantial.

Only Rush of the old brigade still deserves his place, full as ever of intelligent running. He should never have been allowed to collect Redknapp's volleyed cross in the third minute, but when the ball eluded Gayle, he let it run on to his left foot and dispatched it past Tracey from ten yards.

Thereafter, though, Liverpool wasted chance after chance and in the second half their superiority faded with the freshness of their legs. Rogers and Gannon worked prodigiously in midfield and exposed Whelan and Barnes for the pedestrians they have become. Littlejohn then embarrassed Nicol in a sprint to a through ball a minute after half-time, and when his shot squirmed from James's grasp, Flo scored.

Flo then confirmed his status as United's top scorer when he rose unmarked to loop Carr's cross over James with a combination of head and shoulder for the winner and his eighth goal of the season.

Carr should have made the margin of victory more comfortable two minutes from time, but blasted his shot straight at James.

"We showed Liverpool too much respect in the first half," Bassett said. "It was the worst possible start and we allowed them to dictate the game. We were a bit like lemmings jumping over the cliff, but we began thinking along the right lines in the second half."

LIVERPOOL (4-4-2): D James — R Jones, S Nicol, N Ruddock, J Dicks — S McManaman, J Redknapp, R Whelan (sub: M Thomas, 73min), J Barnes (sub: D Hutchison 76) — I Rush, R Fowler.

SHEFFIELD UNITED (4-4-2): S Tracey — C Bradshaw, B Gayle, D Tuttle, R Nilsen — F Carr, P Rogers, J Gannon, D Whitehouse — J Flo, A Littlejohn.

Referee: T Holbrook.



Flo: Anfield double

Sheringham makes telling return

Norwich City..... 1
Tottenham Hotspur..... 2

By David Miller

TOTTENHAM will stay up. There can be little doubt about that after a second-half performance against Norwich in which Sheringham, making his first appearance for five months, Anderton and Barmby, at times, played as dangerously as any attacking trio in the senior league. It is not attack that is the long-term problem for Osvaldo Ardiles, but defence.

Norwich have come apart at the seams since the defection of Mike Walker to Everton — a shabby affair by all parties — and it was worryingly symptomatic that John Deehan, the new manager, should be talking about lack of club harmony.

The first half was dull and goalless, the second 45 minutes eventful; one belonged to Norwich, the other to Tottenham.

Here was Tottenham's second consecutive away victory, and if they have to thank Norwich's left back Woodthorpe for an own-goal winner 15 minutes from the end, Norwich would have to admit that in the last 20 minutes, with Sheringham and Anderton rampant, they might have lost four goals.

Two factors have pushed Tottenham into the relegation area: the injuries to Sheringham and Mabbutt inevitably damaged their game at both ends of the field, with Ardiles allowing the team to become too enmeshed in a midfield short-game; and the departure of Ruddock and the signing of Calderwood from Swindon Town was the worst swap in the division. Even alongside Mabbutt, now back and as determined as ever, Calderwood never looked the part.

Norwich remain a team whose collective intellect is shrewder than most, but whose defence is as slack as Tottenham's, conceding a goal-and-a-half per game. Prior is crudely limited in the centre of defence and with the experienced Crook perhaps on the wane, Norwich's golden period over four seasons appears almost over.

Even so, Norwich could have been two up before Tottenham were properly awake. A free kick by Crook found the defence dreaming and Bowen almost stole the ball from under Ian Walker's nose. After 30 minutes Sutton glanced the ball wide after an inswinging free kick by Adams.

Five minutes into the second half Norwich again should have led. With Tottenham's back line sadly disorganised, Adams swept in from the right but pulled his cross-shot wide of the left post.

Then came the turning point. Ardiles sent out Sheringham in place of the bustling, but unsophisticated Rosenthal and within three minutes, Anderton's long throw found Barmby, who pulled the ball back into the path of an unmarked Sheringham who had time and space to pick his spot. A minute later Anderton broke free on the right and was felled from behind by Woodthorpe, only for the free kick to be squandered. Norwich retaliated and a foul by Scott on Sutton brought a penalty, but Sutton's tame kick was saved by Walker. Nonetheless a neat touch by Robins, substituting for Goss, created the opening for Sutton to equalise.

This inspired the visitors rather than the home team; Bowen saved on the line from Sheringham's header; Sheringham's low cross was almost nudged home by Barmby; and from Anderton's long cross nodded forward by Barmby, Woodthorpe turned the ball into his own net. Both sides have some hard thinking ahead of them, Norwich's if anything the more serious.

NORWICH CITY (4-4-2): B Gunn; M Bowen, S Prior, I Culverhouse, C Woodthorpe; N Adams, G Megson, J Goss (sub: M Robins 68min), I Crook; C Sutton, D Eadie.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker; D Kerslake, K Scott, G Mabbutt, S Campbell; D Anderton, J Dozzell, V Samways, S Sedgley; N Barmby, R Rosenthal (sub: E Sheringham, 51).

Referee: A Wilde.

Rush highlights danger for Ipswich

West Ham United..... 2
Ipswich Town 1

By Keith Pike

WEST Ham won, which was the signal for Upton Park to breathe a huge sigh of relief, and Ipswich did not, which was pretty good news for everybody else. Unless, of course, you happen to support a team in the first division, in which case you might have to endure them twice next season.

Even at their best, Ipswich are the most depressingly ordinary side in the FA Carling Premiership: functional with only the slightest hint of flair, not as overtly direct as Wimbledon or Sheffield United, but without the spirit those teams use to sustain them when all else fails.

Perhaps Ipswich's problem is that they do not believe they can be relegated. After all, they were second in the table after three games but the meekness of their surrender on Saturday was pitiful. That they had three players booked was more due to an eccentric performance from David Elleray than the recognition that they are now in a dogfight.

Yet the 14-point gap Ipswich had established over the relegation zone in December is down to seven, and closing fast. Two wins will probably be enough to save any of the four teams bracketed on 41 points. West Ham and Ipswich included, but the Suffolk team's six remaining fixtures include matches against Manchester United, Blackburn Rovers, Liverpool and Sheffield Wednesday. It might prove beyond them.

West Ham, at least, were prepared to get their shirts dirty. Playing five men across the middle and relying on lung-power rather than subtlety hardly suits the tradition of the Upton Park football academy, but it gave them the edge in a miserable contest.

Matthew Rush, 22 and recently on loan at Swansea City, took the place if not the position of Chapman — dropped by Billy Bonds, the manager — and marked his first West Ham start this season with an eye-catching opening goal, a dipping 20-yard volley, and a supporting part in the second, winning the free kick from which Morley glanced home a header. A trapped nerve in his right knee brought a stretcher and a premature end to his afternoon, but his determination had typified his team, and he will be fit to play today.

Miklosko, whose only previous save had been to spare Morley the embarrassment of an own goal, was beaten four minutes from time by Mason's diving header.

WEST HAM UNITED (4-5-1): L Miklosko — T Breacker, S Potts, A Gale, K Rowland — M Marsh, M Rush (sub: K Brown, 86min), P Butler, I Bishop, M Holmes — T Morley.

IPSWICH TOWN (3-5-2): C Baker — D Linighan, P Whelan, G Johnson — M Stockwell, S Slater, S Palmer, G Williams, I Durrant (sub: E Youds, 73) — C Kiwomya (sub: P Mason, 73), B Guentchev.

Referee: D Elleray.

Walsh fuels City's survival drive

Manchester City..... 3
Aston Villa 0

By Peter Ball

ANYBODY arriving at Maine Road in time to watch the last 50 minutes of this match on Saturday would dismiss the idea that Manchester City are prime relegation candidates as absurd. Instead of looking like a frightened side, City were playing with a swagger.

"I've said all along that we will be all right, and I'm still adamant about it," Brian Horton, the manager, said.

Solid in midfield, where Ian Brightwell is revelling in his return after a long lay-off, City appeared capable of saving their Premiership status. Most important of all, suddenly they looked full of goals.

The new striking partnership of Walsh and Rösler produced one apiece for the second time in a week while Beagrie, signed two minutes before the transfer deadline, seemed an inspired buy, supplementing his familiar twists and turns with fierce shooting. Most encouraging of all for City is the knowledge that Walsh tends to score his goals in clusters and if he is now entering a fruitful period after a long barren spell, the struggle for survival may soon be won.

"We look like scoring, don't we?" Horton demanded. "And that has to help the defence, give them encouragement."

For 35 minutes Villa dominated the game, sweeping through City's defence almost at will. But the goals did not come. Dibble saved well from Fenton and rather more easily from Teale and Staunton. Saunders's control let him down when he was through on goal and Daley missed the target as City rode their luck.

Then came the turning-point. Parker released Daley through the middle for Curle to pull him down from behind. Paul Durkin, the referee, astonishingly chose to see no evil. Curle stayed on the field, and minutes later City took the lead when Beagrie's free kick deflected off Richardson's shoulder over Bosnich's leap. Six minutes later City scored their second, in the closing seconds of the half, Walsh converting a close-range header from Ian Brightwell's cross.

Nine minutes after the interval, Rösler was allowed even more room to meet another Brightwell cross, rising unattended to send his header into the corner of the net.



Rösler: third goal

Victories for Oldham Athletic, Sheffield United and Tottenham Hotspur meant City's luck had not extended beyond Maine Road. "We need an away win from somewhere," Horton said. If they get one at Southampton this afternoon, the final 50 minutes on Saturday will take on a greater significance.

MANCHESTER CITY (4-4-2): A Dibble — A Hill, K Curle, M Vonk, D Brightwell — D Rocastle, I Brightwell, S McMahon, P Beagrie — P Walsh, U Rösler (sub: M Sheron, 84min).

ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Bosnich — E Barrett, S Teale, U Ehiogu, S Staunton — A Daley, K Richardson, A Townsend, G Parker (sub: D Yorke, 77) — D Saunders, G Fenton.

Referee: P Durkin.

No worries for White despite loss to Drago

BY PHIL YATES

TONY Drago, a player who has suffered more than most at the hands of Jimmy White, put those disappointments behind him to beat White 5-2 in the last 16 of the £200,000 British Open at Plymouth yesterday.

Of all the leading contenders for the forthcoming world snooker championship, which begins at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, in 12 days, White, whose last tournament success was the 1992 United Kingdom Championship, will be the only one who has not won an event this season. He has not even reached a final.

Yet White, who is experiencing the most barren spell of his 13-year professional career, continues to insist that he is not unduly worried.

"My game is coming, there's no doubt about it," White said. "Obviously it would have been nice to go the Crucible with a win under my belt but I've won titles before and then lost the big one. Maybe it could turn out to be a good omen."

Although White maintains a brave face the fact remains that against Drago, as for most of what has been a frustrating season for him, he committed a series of mistakes in every department of his game.

Drago, beaten by White in the final of the 1991 World Masters when a record first prize of £200,000 was at stake, also sat out a 147 maximum break from White during a 10-4 first-round defeat in the following year's world championship. This time he dealt out the punishment.

In only 46 minutes, Drago, beaten 5-1 by White in the quarter-finals of the Thailand Open three weeks ago, made breaks of 56, 63, 41 and 38 on the way to establishing a 4-0 lead. After the interval White won the next two frames but just when it seemed as though his comeback was gathering momentum Drago took the seventh frame 73-1 to complete victory.

Drago, the world No 20 who could very well be among the game's elite top 16 for the first time next season, needs to beat James Wattana or Darren Morgan tomorrow in order to earn a debut appearance in the semi-finals of a ranking event.

White was not the only player with realistic world championship ambitions to be eliminated. John Parrott, the world No 2, was unexpectedly defeated 5-3 by Nigel Bond, the ninth seed, from Matlock.

From 2-0 down, Parrott, who was a winner of the International Open in February, recovered to lead 3-2, having compiled a 112 break in the third frame.

However, Bond, who had constructed a run of 118 of his own in the second, won the next three frames.

Stephen Hendry, the bookmaker's favourite for the £36,000 first prize despite a succession of early exits from recent tournaments, again produced inconsistent form during a 5-2 second-round win over Dene O'Kane, of New Zealand.

The world champion missed a number of elementary pots in the initial stages but with O'Kane unable to capitalise on all of his opportunities the opening four frames were shared. On the resumption Hendry at last discovered his customary fluency with breaks of 68, 72 and 57.

Ronnie O'Sullivan, the United Kingdom champion, progressed into the last 16 by beating Willie Thorne, 5-2 while James Wattana, the recently crowned Thailand Open champion, registered a 5-2 victory against Mark Johnston-Allen.

RESULTS

RESULTS: Second round: S Hendry (Scot) bt D O'Kane (NZ) 5-2; J Ferguson (Eng) bt S James (Eng) 5-3; J Wattana (Thai) bt M Johnston-Allen (Eng) 5-2; R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt W Thorne (Eng) 5-2. Third round: A Drago (Malta) bt J White (Eng) 5-2; N Bond (Eng) bt J Parrot (Eng) 5-3.

ERIKO SUGITA



Pete Sampras, of United States, concentrates on a backhand return as he powers to victory over the Frenchman, Lionel Roux, a qualifier, in the Salem open tennis final in Osaka, Japan. Results, page 25

Riley in sight of first European win

FROM MEL WEBB IN LYON

IT WAS a confusing day in the third round of the Lyon Open yesterday. The lead was held at the end by an Australian, a shot in front of a Swede who talks like an Australian, with a Trinidadian who sounds like a Canadian in third place.

The leader as the tournament enters its final round at Villette d'Anthon is Wayne Riley, who had a 69 for a total of 206, ten under par. His playing partner today, as he was yesterday, will be Gabriel Hjertstedt, about whom everything is unmistakably Swedish except his accent, which is pure Queensland. Hjertstedt, who had a 71, was born in Sweden but emigrated to Australia with his family when he was a small child.

The third member of the last group will be Stephen Ames, a Trinidadian who did his professional apprenticeship on the Canadian Tour and picked up the accent while doing so. He had a 71 to finish a stroke behind Hjertstedt.

Riley, seven under par at the start of the day, dropped a shot on the 1st when he missed an eight-foot par putt. He got the shot back immediately with a four-footer on the 2nd, and birdied the 7th from nine feet.

He missed the 13th and 14th greens and dropped shots each time, but, wielding his broomhandle putter, holed from 20 feet, two inches, a foot and eight feet for birdies to come back in 34. It was, except for the two bogeys on the back nine, a performance of calm authority and cool course management on a chilly day made more uncomfortable by a powerful, swirling wind.

Riley, 31, has played in Europe since 1984 but has never won here. By his own admission he is "just another player" on this side of the world, even after his victory in the Australian Open in 1991.

LEADING THIRD-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 206: W Riley (Aus) 69, 68, 69. 207: G Hjerstedt (Swe) 68, 68, 71. 208: S Ames (Tnd and Tob) 70, 67, 71. 211: G Orr 69, 65, 76. 212: M Bessenaney (Fr) 69, 75, 68; G J Brand 70, 69, 73; P Lmhart (Sp) 72, 68, 72. 213: H Thul (Ger) 72, 72, 69; T Giedson (Ger) 71, 72, 70. 214: E Ginaud (Fr) 70, 74, 70; M Mackenzie 73, 72, 69; R Rafferty 73, 70, 71; D Gilford 70, 73, 71; J Payne 71, 69, 74.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Voelker misses car by split second

THE Germans may have bought Britain's leading carmaker, but Sandra Voelker, the German swimmer, found one Rover Metro a fraction beyond her means on the final day of the Edinburgh International on Saturday (Craig Lord writes). The car was offered as reward for a world record: Voelker, from Hamburg, fell a frustrating 0.02 of a second short in the 50 metres backstroke, winning in 29.14sec.

Her effort was none the less a splendid contribution to Britain's leading international event. Two British records were set, by Adam Ruckwood and Mark Foster, on Saturday, among myriad class performances that produced several qualifying standards for the Commonwealth Games and got the long-course season off to a flying start.

Voelker, 20, is usually mild-mannered, but she could be forgiven a momentary display of temper, punching the water as she glanced up at the timing board. In recent weeks she has come amazingly close to breaking several world records.

McColgan wins return

ATHLETICS: Liz McColgan, racing in Britain for the first time since the London Marathon run last year which led to repetitive posture injury, won yesterday's Forfar women's 10km road race. Her husband, Peter, won the men's race. Lorraine Shaw broke the British women's hammer-throwing record at Colindale, north London, on Saturday. The British champion, celebrating her 26th birthday, threw 59.92 metres — more than three metres further than the previous best. In the world student cross country championships in Limerick on the same day, Spencer Duval led the British men to victory, winning the individual title, while Britain's women successfully defended their team title.

Gilkes takes lead

CYCLING: Ian Gilkes overcame an overnight deficit of 30 seconds behind Simeon Hempsall to take the lead after the second day of the three-day am-pro race in Girvan, Ayrshire, yesterday. Gilkes, an amateur, made his move with five miles to go and opened a gap which he held along the windswept seafront finish, pursued by two professionals, Neil Hoban and Bernie Burns. Almost half the field of 95 riders dropped out of the 99-mile stage because of rain and wind. Similar weather is forecast for today's final leg of 78 miles which includes four major climbs.

Duncan's first victory

MOTOR RALLYING: Ian Duncan won the Safari rally yesterday to claim his first world championship victory and become the first Kenyan to win the event since 1982. Duncan finished 25 minutes ahead of Kenjiro Shinozuka, of Japan, who achieved his best Safari result in a Mitsubishi. Duncan's success extended Toyota's world championship lead over Subaru to 16 points while Joha Kankkunen, of Finland, still leads the drivers' series despite crashing out early in the Safari rally. Didier Auriol, also in a Toyota, finished third, climbing to second in the drivers' championship.

Malvern reach final

RUGBY UNION: Old Hamptonians and Malvern reached the final of the Pilkington Shield on Saturday and, like Bath and Leicester, for whom they will provide the curtain-raiser on May 7, came from behind to do so. Hamptonians overcame Kidderminster Carolians 10-6 at Northampton in the knockout competition for junior clubs, with their pack providing a solid platform. A penalty try set up their victory with 20 minutes remaining. It was a little tighter at snow-swept Coventry but Malvern, too, scored the game's only try, through Alan Johnstone.

Chaka revels in mud

EQUESTRIANISM: William Fox-Pitt, riding Sir Michael Turner's 14-year-old Chaka at Dynes Hall Horse Trials, Great Maplestead, Essex, yesterday, won the first of the three advanced classes after a splendid cross-country performance which relegated the world champion, Blyth Pait, and Delta into second place by one point, with Brinley Powell and his exciting Badminton prospect, Flying Tackle, four points away in third. Fox-Pitt said: "I was so pleased with him, I didn't hurry him, and he revelled in the ground, making nonsense of those who say he cannot go in the mud."

Finalists in jeopardy

BASKETBALL: The quarter-final line-up for the Budweiser League championship play-offs, to be played over the next fortnight, means that either London Towers or Guildford Kings will miss out on a Wembley place at the end of the month. The teams, finalists in both the last two seasons, face each other in this season's quarter-finals, starting with London's home leg on Thursday. London won 90-83 at Doncaster Panthers on Saturday, while Guildford were overwhelming the bottom club, Oldham Celtics, 111-90 in an astonishing match of 26 three-pointers.

Hawks rise to occasion

ICE HOCKEY: The eight home teams were successful on the first night of the British League play-offs on Saturday with the only surprise coming at Humberside, where the Hawks, who just qualified in eighth place, secured an 8-6 win over Murrayfield Racers. The two premier division teams involved in promotion-relegation play-offs had mixed fortunes. Peterborough Pirates scored seven goals in the second period to beat Romford Raiders 11-6 but Billingham Bombers were embarrassed by a 17-4 defeat at the hands of Telford Tigers, for whom Wayne Crawford scored six goals.

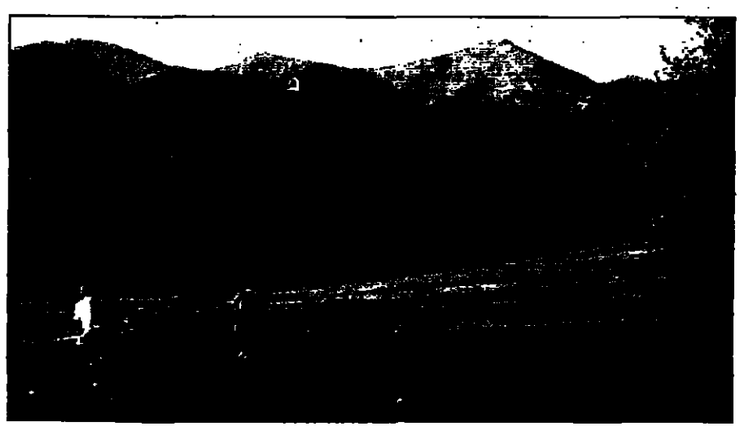
THIS SUMMER YOU COULD BE IN THE SUN - WATCHING GOLF

Win a sporting holiday for two in North Carolina

Fly to North Carolina, stay in luxury, watch the golf and have £500 to spend

Today, *The Times* in association with Sky Television, is offering readers the chance to win a luxury trip for two to North Carolina, USA. Apart from enjoying a luxurious holiday, the winner will have the chance to watch the North Carolina leg of the US PGA tour, which tees off on April 22.

The competition winner and a friend will fly to the US to join the four-day Great Greeneboro Open event when it reaches Forest Oaks CC in North Carolina. The US PGA tour, which is being screened exclusively on Sky Sports throughout the summer, reaches a critical point this month when the defending champion Rocco Mediate bids to hold on to his title. This all expenses paid golfing prize also includes seven nights accommodation in a luxury condominium, car hire, £500 spending money and greenside seats for the event.



Golf in North Carolina Mountains



Greg Norman contemplates his next stroke

HOW TO ENTER

To win simply answer the three questions printed below and telephone your answers through to our competition hotline.

1. **What is the American name for a 'bunker'?**
2. **Which player is known as the Great White Shark?**
3. **Which mountain range is to the west side of N. Carolina?**

Phone in your answers on: 0891 700 506 up to midnight on Friday, April 8, 1994.

You will be asked to give your three answers, your name, address and telephone number.

The winner will be selected from all the correct entries received by the closing date and notified by post. Normal Times competition rules apply.

Calls are charged at 39p a minute cheap rate, 49p a minute at all other times.

FREE 30 DAY HOME TRIAL NO OBLIGATION

Until April 30, thanks to Sky Free Home Trial, every household in Britain will be able to enjoy Sky TV's impressive programming package absolutely free for a 30 day period. Throughout the "free home trial" period anyone can visit their local participating satellite stockists or cable operator to get connected free of charge. Soon after signing up they will be able to tune in to Sky's 20 channel package, a 30-day Sky Sports schedule which includes live coverage of the run in to the FA Premiership title featuring Manchester United and Blackburn, plus live coverage of Germany v England, World Heavyweight Championship Boxing featuring Evander Holyfield and the continued West Indies v England Test Match series.

SKY

Leicester's cup run ruined by late goal

BY ALIX RAMSAY

LEICESTER came within a few seconds of their first European Cup Winners' Cup women's hockey final yesterday. After leading Bayer Leverkusen, of Germany, 1-0, Melanie Cremer scored a last-minute goal and relegated Leceister to the bronze medal play-off position.

As the minutes ticked by Leicester believed they were home and dry. All they had to do was hang on and their first European campaign would have a fairytale ending. But obviously the Germans had not been given quite the same script. As they threw everyone forward towards the packed Leicester defence, Cremer raced in to lob the ball past the ranks of blue shirts and beyond the reach of Aileen Claxton in goal.

It was a remarkable recovery from the German captain. Just minutes before she was rolling around on the byline as if at death's door looking for a sympathetic judgment from the umpire. Although Leicester beat Cardiff 2-0 on Saturday, it was not enough to counter the Germans' superior goal difference, meaning Leicester had to win yesterday to join SKIF Moscow in the final.

Ten minutes into the second half Sue Holwell cracked in a thundering shot from a penalty corner but not even she could stop Cremer dashing their hopes 25 minutes later. Leicester have to put their disappointment behind them today and take on Stade Francais for the bronze medal.

☐ Teddington's hopes of appearing in the European Cup-Winners' Cup final in Terrassa, Spain, disappeared after a goalless draw yesterday against Atletico Terrassa. In a drab and ill-tempered match green warning cards were shown to McGuire and Billson, of Teddington, and two Spaniards, Freixa and Nani Escude.

A draw was sufficient to place the Spaniards at the top of pool B. Teddington earned the right to a bronze medal play-off.

Top seed survives as Chen just fails to rally

BY RICHARD EATON

CHEN Xinhua, the 34-year-old former World Cup winner, who has been England's best table tennis player for the past four years, became the home country's only quarter-final survivor before going down 21-11, 21-12, 15-21, 21-19 to Jean-Michel Saive, the world No 1, in the European Championships at the National Indoor Arena, in Birmingham, yesterday.

Chen followed his jaded-looking struggle to survive on Saturday with a sparkling performance yesterday morning against Danny Heister, the former European junior champion from Holland, winning 21-18, 21-19, 21-19.

This augured well for the quarter-final, but for two games against Saive, Chen looked careworn and flat and so was the support. Between the second and third games however, the master of ceremonies decided to whip up some noise from the crowd.

The adopted Yorkshireman responded by establishing a lead of 13-3 in the third game, and after losing the lead as Saive's heavy forehand loops found their target again, still somehow forged ahead to capture the third game. He had 4,000 people rising to their loudest crescendo of support of the tournament, and there were thrilling moments as he went to 13-10 and then to 19-17 with Saive growing edgy.

A fifth game seemed possible until four good serves and three fierce forehand follow-ups pulled it round for the top seed. But the match had induced delightful English fantasies of what might have been.

England's only other survivor had been Carl Prean. The Germany-based national former champion recovered from two games down to win in five against the Caroly Nemeth, of Hungary, on Saturday, only to lose to the Olympic champion, Jan-Ove Waldner yesterday.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	40	130	good	varied	fair	cloud	3	2/4
Fresh snow on varied base but windy at altitude								
AUSTRIA								
Obergurgl	30	120	good	varied	good	fine	3	2/4
Excellent April skiing on cold crisp snow								
Schladming	3	80	good	powder	closed	fair	8	3/4
All open pistes skiing well								
St Anton	20	310	good	powder	fair	fine	2	2/4
Excellent skiing, fresh powder								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	80	300	good	powder	good	fair	3	2/4
Excellent skiing conditions after heavy snowfalls								
Avoriaz	175	206	good	powder	good	cloud	1	3/4
Great skiing in fresh powder								
Chamonix	5	320	good	varied	closed	fair	3	3/4
Good powder available on Grands Montets								
Flaine	65	260	good	powder	good	fair	8	3/4
Very good skiing in all areas of Flaine bowl								
La Plagne	125	300	good	powder	good	fair	1	2/4
Excellent conditions after heavy snowfalls								
Tignes	115	300	powder	powder	good	sun	1	2/4
Superb skiing on and off piste								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	90	90	good	powder	good	sun	3	3/4
Excellent skiing on powdery pistes								
Cr Montana	10	130	good	powder	closed	fair	5	2/4
Excellent skiing on fresh snow								
Verbier	10	330	good	powder	closed	fine	6	3/4
Waist deep powder skiing on Mont Fort and Mont Gele								
Wengen	5	60	good	powder	closed	fine	0	3/4
Wonderful skiing on all upper slopes								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

هكذا من الأصل

Dallaglio receives call as England invest for future

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

ON A weekend when the death toll from civil unrest in Natal continued to rise and New South Wales cancelled a game in Durban, the Rugby Football Union (RFU) formally announced its England tour party to play eight matches in South Africa during May and June. Six of the first ten days of the tour are scheduled for Durban, the capital of Natal, where a state of emergency was declared last Thursday.

However the RFU, in constant contact with the Foreign Office, must hope that the situation will improve after the South African election is over later this month and that its 30 players — six of them uncapped — will obtain the anticipated benefit of a month's acclimatisation before the World Cup next year in South Africa.

"The last thing we want is an unsettled situation," Jack Rowell, the new England manager, said yesterday. "If we are going, we want to go in full heart and properly prepared. The RFU won't take any risks and we should view it that way, and not anticipate eleventh-hour changes."

Louis Luyt, the South African Rugby Football Union president, tried to allay fears at the weekend by saying that if matters deteriorated in Natal, the venue for the game at King's Park on May 21 could be changed or the match against Natal, the Currie Cup finalists, cancelled. Such reassurance has done nothing for New South Wales, who have withdrawn from their scheduled Super Ten meeting with Natal in Durban on April 16 because they are worried about the safety of their players.

For the present, however, England are intent on fulfilling their commitment and will take a party including 11 players from Bath and six from Leicester, the two clubs contesting both league and cup this season. They do not include, however, two backrow forwards who played for England this season, John Hall and Neil Back, or Jonathan Callard, the Bath full back whose goalkicking won the Calcutta Cup match for England in February.

The new management has confirmed Will Carling, as captain ("a unanimous decision", Rowell said) and will gamble that two long-term injuries, to Jeremy Guscott and David Pears, have mended. Guscott and Iain Hunter both underwent minor corrective surgery last week, to groin and knee respectively, but Pears has suffered a series of breakdowns in the last two years that will continue to make him doubtful unless he can put together a sequence of appearances in the last month of the domestic season.

The surprise inclusion in a squad lacking a specialist open-side flanker of any experience is that of Lawrence Dallaglio, of Wasps, who has yet to win a regular place in his club's first XV. He squeezes in ahead of Back and Anthony Diprose (Saracens) because of his height and aggressive pace which, so far, has been shown to best effect in sevens. He is one of several players in whom England invest on this tour, alongside John Mallett, the Bath prop, Matt Poole, the Leicester lock, and Adedayo Adebayo, the Bath wing.

Dallaglio, 6ft 4in and well over 15st, is part of Rowell's plan to have a tour party playing in the same style throughout. Given the success of the big back row of Richards, Rodber and Clarke against New Zealand and Wales this season, he wants a similar trio for the midweek games in a country where big back rows are two a penny and where Back, for all his speed and creativity, could be brushed aside.

Hall, captain of Rowell's club, Bath, and the only survivor of England's tour to South Africa ten years ago who was in the frame, was overlooked for Dean Ryan. "The choice of Ryan ahead of Hall kept me awake at night," Rowell said. "We are concerned about John's mobility and playing on hard surfaces in South Africa."

Hunter, who played for Rowell at full back during the England B tour of New Zealand in 1992, is included in that position but Damian Hopley, the Wasps centre, is likely to be used as a wing. Mike Catt, who won his first cap as a replacement against Wales last month and now returns to the country where he was born, tours as a centre in a party seeking to build on the tactical approach that beat France and the all-round game that defeated Wales.

TOUR DETAILS

PARTY: Full backs: I Hunter (Northampton), D Pears (Harlequins). Wings: A Adebayo (Bath), D Hopley (Wasps), R Underwood (Leicester) T Underwood (Leicester) Centres: W Carling (Harlequins, captain), M Catt (Bath), P de Glanville (Bath), J Guscott (Bath). Stand-off halves: R Andrew (Wasps), S Barnes (Bath) Scrum halves: K Bracken (Bristol), D Morris (Orrell) Props: J Leonard (Harlequins), J Mallett (Bath), G Rowntree (Leicester), V Ubogu (Bath) Hookers: G Dawe (Bath), B Moore (Harlequins). Locks: M Bayfield (Northampton), M Johnson (Leicester), M Poole (Leicester), N Redman (Bath). Back row: B Clarke (Bath), L Dallaglio (Wasps), S Ojomoh (Bath), D Richards (Leicester), T Rodber (Northampton), D Ryan (Wasps). Manager: J Rowell. Assistant manager: J Elliott. Coaches: R Best and L Cusworth. Doctor: T Crystal. Physiotherapist: K Murphy.

ITINERARY: May: 18 v Orange Free State (Bloemfontein), 21 v Natal (Durban); 25 v Western Transvaal (Potchefstroom), 28 v Transvaal (Johannesburg); 31 v South Africa B (Kimberley). June: 4 v South Africa (Pretoria); 7 v Eastern Province (Port Elizabeth); 11 v South Africa (Cape Town).

Leicester's belief blows sad Orrell off course

Orrell 18
Leicester 31

By Christopher Irvine

AS MEAN, moody and occasionally magnificent as they were, it was the self-belief and control Leicester exercised in reeling in Orrell which underlined the strengths that now present Bath with double trouble on cup and league fronts.

Electing to play up the Edge Hall Road slope and into the teeth of a gale, Leicester were nearly blown off course, but the faith they had in themselves was justified.

Orrell, even at their best, lacked their opponents' sheer pace, versatility and know-how. Leicester's support play and belief in one another marks teamwork as their enduring quality.

A side that includes Dean Richards, Martin Johnson and Rory Underwood is laden with supreme individuals.

But Underwood would not fly as he does without the creative strengths of Potter and Boyle in the centre, and strip away the rock-solid propping of Rowntree and Poole and it is hard to conceive of Richards and Johnson dominating to the same extent.

After a club record eighteenth consecutive victory on Saturday, winning is ingrained. Whether it is a state of Leicester's mind will, ultimately, be tested at Bath on Saturday.

Having seen so many of their number disappear to Central Park a few miles away, Orrell stole something back by announcing their team to Wigan's theme tune, *Simply the Best*, and it inspired them to two tries in the opening quarter of an hour.

Tackling pressure prised the first, an interception by Wynn, and the surging play of Manley and Cleary made the platform for the sort of try supposedly the preserve of Leicester. The ball breezed through six sets of hands before Ainscough, a former Tiger, looped outside Paul Johnson to score.

If Kilford had failed with a tackle that nailed Morris inches short following a charge down, after a clearance by Harris, Leicester's gamble might have been doomed at half-time. Instead, at 15-6 down, and with Orrell giving away penalties, the goalkicking ability of Harris inexorably began to take its toll.

Orrell's lead evaporated in eight minutes. Ainscough cleared only as far as Potter, who gathered to go over, before Underwood took a more conventional route to score, and Harris snuffed out the faint hope given by an Ainscough penalty goal with a fourth of his own.

As Orrell's heads dropped, Cusani attempted to remove that of the prostrate Garforth with his boot, and was instantly dismissed. Leicester capitalised as Potter plundered his second try.

SCORERS: Orrell: Tries: Wynn, Ainscough. Conversion: Ainscough. Penalty goals: Langford, Ainscough. Leicester: Tries: Potter (2), Underwood. Conversions: Harris (2). Penalty goals: Harris (4).

ORRELL: S Tabener; P Hamer; J Naylor, I Wynn, S Langford; P Johnson; G Ainscough, D Morris; M Hynes, G French, D Southern, P Manley, C Cusani, C Cooper, D Cleary, S Bibby. Tabener replaced by P Hamer (63min).

LEICESTER: W Kilford; S Hackney, S Potter, L Boyle, R Underwood; J Harris, A Kardooni; G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, W Drake-Lee, D Richards.

Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).

Harlequins edged out after gallant fightback in Pilkington Cup semi-finals

Sinking Bath saved by Swift's late swoop

Harlequins 25
Bath 26

By David Hands

IF THE final of the Pilkington Cup between Bath and Leicester on May 7 provides half the drama, skill and absorbing compulsion of the semi-final at the Stoop memorial ground on Saturday, the predicted record attendance at Twickenham of 68,000 will have had their money's worth.

This was a marvellous rendition of the best the English club game has to offer. All the requisite sporting elements were there — the atmosphere, fed by 8,000 committed spectators, a tantalising glimpse of perfection, the lost cause, the gallant fightback and the agony of victory dashed from the lips.

At 34, Tony Swift has seen nearly everything rugby union can offer but the Bath wing, scorer of the first and last tries, which took his club tally to 150, admitted: "I have never played in a game as dramatic as that." John Hall, his captain, took up the theme. "That was one of the best games I have ever played in," he said. "It was great that the television cameras were here, great for rugby. I take my hat off to Harlequins."

At 19-0 down with barely the first quarter played, the Harlequin ship was dead in the water. Sheasby departed with a dislocated kneecap and Thompson with a damaged ankle, adding to the withdrawal during the morning of Coker, the Australian lock, with an Achilles tendon injury. Yet still they could spit in the face of adversity.

Two years ago, the clubs played each other to an extra-time standstill in the cup final. Barnes, the matchwinner then, described this as twice the game, which it was — through the quality of Bath's opening quarter and the resurrection of Harlequins' cause on the foundation provided by the lineout work of Snow and Thresher. Utterly disappointed though Harlequins were, they will one day appreciate they took part in a classic.

Bath's omission of Reed, the Scotland lock, looked an expensive mistake as Harlequins, with the vicious, squally breeze at their backs and Luxton at the top of his form, gradually overhauled them. That Bray, so sound throughout, should have been the agent through whom Harlequins finally fell was irony in the extreme. Less than three minutes remained when Catt switched play to the right — Brian Campsall, the referee, judging that Clarke had not knocked on — Callard found space and Swift squeezed past Cassell, only to clatter into Bray. The full back had him, then let him wriggle clear, and the veteran wing cruised to the posts. Callard's conversion took Bath to their eighth cup final by three goals and a try to two goals, a try, a penalty goal and a dropped goal.

It confirmed what the Courage championship already indicates: that Bath, who have never lost a final, and Leicester stand clear of the English pack. This Saturday, they meet in what will surely be the decisive league game of the season. A day later, Bath's players will debate coaching arrangements for the next season — Brian Ashton, the backs coach, is the likely successor to Jack Rowell — and, a month later, they will repeat the 1989 cup final that Bath won at the last gasp.

Bath will focus on the 80 seconds of rugby virtuosity that produced their first try. It was a period of sustained play that illustrates both what is possible under present law but also the singular difficulty of finding a way over the try line. The move began with a lineout 30 metres from the Harlequins line, the ball flickered through 33 pairs of hands and eight rucks before Swift, on his "wrong" wing, appeared outside Haag for the final dash to the line. The try also required sympathetic refereeing from Campsall, whose contribution cannot be understated. In a match where the potential for quality was matched by that for discord, he awarded no more than 20 penalties or free kicks. Harlequins conceded their first 34 minutes into the game and never allowed Callard one kick at goal. Sadly for them, Challinor was adrift with three penalties and a conversion, any one of which might have won the game.

Barnes, who tore a back muscle during the second half, scampered 70 metres for the second try, after Robinson had charged down Challinor's kick, and Catt's delicate dummy created space for Callard. Harlequins' rally began with Challinor's penalty before Bray and O'Leary performed an intricate dance down the touchline and Pepper slashed through the cover. Challinor charged down Catt's clearance and Callard conceded a penalty try by tackling the stand-off half as he followed through. Cassell was driven over by his pack and Challinor launched a dropped goal down the breeze. "I thought we were out of it," Hall confessed. Down, possibly, but not out.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Tries: Pepper, Cassell, penalty try. Conversions: Challinor (2). Penalty goal: Challinor. Dropped goal: Challinor. Bath: Tries: Swift (2), Barnes, Callard. Conversions: Callard (3).

HARLEQUINS: K Bray; D O'Leary, W Carling, G Thompson, J Keyes, P Challinor; C Luxton; J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Russell, A Snow, P Thresher, M Pepper, C Sheasby. J Cassell replaced Sheasby (39min), J Alexander replaced Thompson (40).

BATH: J Callard; A Swift, P de Glanville, M Catt, A Lumsden; S Barnes, R Hill; D Hilton, G Dawe, V Ubogu, J Hall, M Haag, N Redman, A Robinson, B Clarke.

Referee: B Campsall (Yorkshire).



PHOTOGRAPHS: MARC ASPLAND

Barnes, above, scampers through the Harlequins cover to score a try and Swift, below, celebrates Bath's memorable victory in the Pilkington Cup semi-finals



Llanelli continue cup run

Neath 3
Llanelli 7

By Peter Bills

THE puncturing of Neath's trophy ambitions for the season was as audible as that of a pricked balloon. A quarter-final cup-tie of considerable expectation involving 17 internationals never began to match anticipation for the majority of the 10,000 crowd at The Gnoll. Neath's first home defeat of the season by their conquerors in last year's SWALEC Cup final meant that Llanelli can now anticipate another cup semi-final.

This was their twentieth consecutive victory in the competition and hundredth cup win overall. Yet to suggest it was achieved in anything resembling the grand manner would be disingenuous. It simply was not that kind of game.

Neither side could break the shackles sufficiently to sustain much attacking play out wide. Llanelli made a better fist of the tasks with the wind at their backs before half-time but their finishing was sub-standard. Boobyer's run with a man clear outside him certainly should have produced a score.

The absence of authority and control condemned the game to a frantic defensive scrap. Llanelli performed more meritoriously in that department, which is why they are in the last four.

One aberration by Neath was ruthlessly exposed by Llanelli's vigorous captain, Moon. Perego recycled possession at the maul and Moon shot through a gap 20 yards out to run in and score. Stephens converted. That, apart from Thorburn's simple penalty goal in front of the posts after 34 minutes, was the extent of the scoring. Neath's champion goalkicker, the proud collector of 2,500 points for his club, missed five other penalty attempts.

And yet the sense of occasion was all-embracing. It was a match of critical importance to both clubs with Swansea's galleon in full sail for the league title. Indisputable fear of failure stifled attacking incidents. Yet this was the meat and vegetables of competitive rugby. It is often not a pretty game but one where every player wears his heart upon his sleeve and strains each sinnew is still a worthy spectacle.

Llanelli's defensive display, more efficient because the team was slightly quicker than Neath, was engrossing. It requires considerable character to go to The Gnoll and win any game, let alone one the home side must win to keep alive its season.

The dominance of Neath's forwards after half-time in most phases was astonishing given that the Llanelli pack had squeezed the Neath forwards into a shambolic retreat at the first two scrums of the match. But Gareth Llewellyn marshalled his men cleverly. A penalty/free kick count of 15-8 in Neath's favour maintained the pressure but ultimately Neath were not quite good enough to make it count.

SCORERS: Neath: Penalty goal: Thorburn. Llanelli: Try: Moon. Conversion: Stephens

NEATH: P Thorburn, J Reynolds, H Woodland, S Crandon, A Harris (sub: M Singer 24min); M McCarthy, R Jones, M Morgan, B Williams, J Davies, G Wyatt, Glyn Llewelyn, M Whitson, M Morris, Gareth Llewellyn

LLANELLI: J Stringer, I Evans, N Davies, N Boobyer, L Davies, C Stephens, R Moon, R Evans, A Lamerton, H Williams-Jones, P Jones, P Davies, A Copsey, M Perego, S Cunnell.

Referee: D R Davies (Llantrisant).

Rugby Union Results

Pilkington Cup
Semi-finals
Harlequins 25 Bath 26
Harlequins: Tries: Cassie, Penalty, Pepper. Cons: Challinor 2. Pen: Challinor. Dropped goal: Challinor. Bath: Tries: Swift 2, Barnes, Callard. Cons: Callard 3.
Orrell 18 Leicester 31
Orrell: Tries: Ainscough, Wynn. Con: Ainscough. Pens: Ainscough, Langford. Leicester: Tries: Potter 2, R Underwood. Cons: Harris 2. Pens: Harris 4.

Courage Clubs Championship
First division
Bristol 21 L Irish 8
Bristol: Tries: Kitchin, A Savanmuto. Con: Tanton. Pens: Tanton 3. London Irish: Try: Corcoran. Pen: Corcoran.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	15	14	0	1	353	131	28
Leicester	15	13	0	2	399	153	26
Wasps	15	8	1	6	298	272	17
Bristol	15	8	0	7	254	225	16
Harlequins	15	7	0	8	269	215	14
Northampton	15	7	0	8	232	292	14
Orrell	14	6	0	8	228	222	12
Gloucester	15	5	2	8	194	274	12
L Irish	15	4	0	11	186	302	8
Newcastle G	14	0	1	13	122	389	1

Third division
Bedford 28 Rosslyn Park 13
Fourth division
Harrogate 21 Liverpool St H 7
Plymouth 13 Askeans 10

SWALEC Cup
Quarter-finals
Maesteg 35 Tenby Utd 7
Maesteg: Tries: Lewis 2, Boobyer, Gibby. Cons: Watts 3. Pens: Watts 3. Tenby Utd: Tries: Vickery 2. Cons: Scotcher 2. Dropped goal: Scotcher
Neath 3 Llanelli 7
Neath: Pen: Thorburn. Llanelli: Try: Moon. Con: Stephens.
Pontypridd 32 Newbridge 10
Pontypridd: Tries: Jenkins 2, Rowley. Cons: Jenkins. Pens: Jenkins 5. Newbridge: Tries: Brown, Reed.

Heineken League
Second division
Mt Ash 12 Llandovery 18
Penarth 14 Treorchy 18

Insurance Corporation League
First division
Blackrock Col 14 Cork Cons 11

TOUR MATCH: Gloucester 50 Portuguese President's XV 0

Club matches
Aberavon 46 Narberth 5
Abertillery 10 Bridgend 14
Camborne 3 Redruth 9
Cardiff 27 Barbarians 53
Dundee HSFP 14 W of Scotland 11
Fylde 27 Preston G 20
Halifax 12 New Brighton 11
Hereford D Lydney 39
Kendal 29 Dudley K 16
Leeds 5 Wharfedale 35
Met Police 14 Thurrock 15
Moseley 17 Swansea 18
S Coldfield 22 Tamworth 19
Torquay Ath 11 Exeter 13
Wakefield 30 Morley 10
Weston-s-Mare 8 Clifton 34
Widnes 23 Broughton Park 16
Nottingham 32 Hull Ionians 22
Newport 22 Coventry 15
Pontypool 17 Llanhasan 10
Sale 99 Dunvant 5
Other matches cancelled.

GALA SEVENS: First round: Selkirk 27 Langholm 5; Kelso 14 Jed-Forest 12; Dundee High School FP 26 Boroughmuir 21; Gala 36 Currie 12; Stirling County 28 Tynedale 19; Melrose 29 Heriot's FP 7; Watsonians 29 Stewart's-Melville FP 7; Hawick 24, Glasgow High/Kelvinside 12. Second round: Kelso 28 Selkirk 12; Gala 31 Dundee High School FP 12; Stirling County 39 Melrose 7; Hawick 19 Watsonians 17. Semi-finals: Gala 29 Kelso 12; Stirling County 28 Hawick 24. Final: Gala 40 Stirling County 7.

Yesterday

UNDER-18 INTERNATIONAL: Wales 6 Ireland 12.

SUPER 10 TOURNAMENT: New South Wales 43 Waikato 16 (Hamilton, New Zealand)

Dutch treat Cardiff crowd

Cardiff 27
Barbarians 53

By Gerald Davies

FEW try scorers can have touched down with more exuberance than Yves Kummer, the hooker and former Dutch captain, when he marked his impressive debut for the Barbarians with a score.

He dived spectacularly for the ground, not in the monotonous way of players nowadays when they slide with the ball underneath their chest. No, this was a full-blooded dive like that of Gareth Edwards years ago against the All Blacks. Kummer need not have done so since he was already over the line.

The try was, like many others during an entertaining afternoon, the culmination of a sweeping movement begun in the Barbarians' half. His dive was a simple expression of the happiness he felt to be playing in such company.

Kummer and Chad Lion-Cachet, who has arrived via Western Province in South Africa and Oxford University and has Dutch connections, are hoping to help Holland qualify for the World Cup. They need to beat Italy and if they have any more like these two, such hopes are more than justified.

Both caught the eye in a game which was true to the character of this traditional fixture. It was purposeful and exciting. It was not irresponsible.

The match gave the players the opportunity to show off their skills in a way they are rarely allowed to. However many people may complain about the laws of the game, rugby retains the capacity for continuous flow.

There were 13 tries here, eight by the visitors, which meant that Scottish Amicable's sponsorship scheme of £300 per score by the Barbarians, will contribute £2,400 to Welsh youth rugby, bringing the total to over £23,000.

If the match lacked a sharp competitive edge, it more than made up for it with invigorating rugby. Each of the Barbarians' players showed moments of quality as did Cardiff's Hewlett, John, Baber and Thomas. If Cardiff were not at full strength, holding back some of their players because of their SWALEC cup quarter-final match against South Wales Police tomorrow, these young men showed the depth of talent in the squad.

Tries by Chalmers and Sleightholme (2) and a penalty by Chalmers, when the game had still to be won, to add to his three conversions, gave the Barbarians a half-time lead against Cardiff's tries by Ford and Thomas. Kummer's try extended this.

The home team came back with two more tries by Thomas and one by Palfrey to put them only four points adrift.

But the resurgent visitors drew comfortably away with a hat-trick of tries for Stark and one for Lion-Cachet.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Tries: S Ford, O Thomas (2), A Palfrey. Conversion: C John. Barbarians: Tries: C Chalmers, J Sleightholme (2), Y Kummer, D Stark (3), C Lion-Cachet. Conversions: C Chalmers (4). Penalty: C Chalmers.

CARDIFF: A Palfrey, S Ford, S Hill, J Hewlett; O Thomas, C John; G Baber, K Matthews, H Ringer, P Sedgemore, M Bennett, T Rees, S Roy, M Budd, H Stone.

BARBARIANS: C Glasgow (Heriot's FP): J Sleightholme (Wakefield), D Wylie (Stewart's Melville), M Field (Malone), D Stark (Boroughmuir), C Chalmers (Melrose), A Nicol (Dundee HSFP); M Lionet (Moseley), Y Kummer (DOK, Holland), P Burrell (London Scottish), C Lion-Cachet (Oxford University and Western Province), N Edwards (Northampton), S Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), D McBride (Malone), B Robinson (Ballymena).

Referee: R Yarnell (Tiverton).

A game of imagination for cricket-lovers

Put your selection talents to the test

THE start of the cricket season is two weeks away and *The Times*, in association with Canon UK Ltd, has joined the Test and County Cricket Board in an exclusive arrangement to produce a game that will keep armchair cricket-lovers happy throughout the season. Play *The Times* First Class XI, and you can use your skills as a cricket selector to win a trip for two to any Test match anywhere in the world next year.

Every run your players make and every wicket they take will count towards your score. Choose your players from the list on the right and use the First Class XI bat to record your selection. You can enter by post or by telephone. There are no artificial additives, no handicaps, no ratings, no transfer fees, just a test of cricketing knowledge and selection skill. Pick your team, and follow your players' progress in *The Times*, the paper for cricket.

How to play: Pick the team that you think will accumulate the most runs and wickets in the first-class cricket season. We have listed 269 players, all registered with the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), and placed them in the following categories:

Batsmen (numbered 001-113); **all-rounders** (114-156); **wicketkeepers** (157-176) and **bowlers** (177-269).

There are also three secondary categories: **Captains** (18), one from each county; **overseas players** (18), one from each county and **rising stars** (28), promising players as selected by *The Times*.

Your team of 11 must be made up as follows: **five batsmen; one all-rounder; one wicketkeeper; four bowlers.** No other combination will be accepted and players may only be selected as categorised by *The Times*. (For example, Graeme Hick may only be chosen as an all-rounder, not as a batsman). Each player has a number which must be used when selecting him for the game.

There are three further restrictions to your selection.

1) In your XI, you must pick one — *and no more than one* — from the list of **captains**. For example, if you pick Alec Stewart (captain of Surrey), he will count as captain and batsman. You may not pick another captain, even from another playing category.

2) You must also pick one — *and no more than one* — of the players listed in the **overseas player** category.

3) You must pick one — *and no more than one* — of the players in the **rising stars** category. Your rising star may be a batsman, all-rounder, wicketkeeper or bowler.

In addition to the 11 players picked for the team, you must select one reserve for each of the primary categories (batsmen, all-rounders, wicketkeeper, bowlers). No captains, overseas players or rising stars may be selected as reserves. These reserves will only become active in the event of a first-choice player being officially declared inactive (for reasons of injury) for the rest of the season by *The Times* First Class XI panel. In that case your reserve will be automatically activated and his score from that moment will be added to the injured player's total. Only one replacement will be allowed in each of the four primary categories. A player declared inactive cannot re-enter the game. Having selected your team, you may give it a name.

How to score: Scores will be measured by the following means: **runs** (the aggregate runs scored by all 11 players); **wickets** (the wickets taken by all 11 players); **wicketkeeping dismissals** (catches and stumpings made by your wicketkeeper).

Each run will count as one point, each wicket as 20 points, each wicketkeeper's dismissal as 20 points (the last two categories will be listed under the heading, wickets). The total of runs and wickets will represent the entrant's total team score. The object of *The Times* First Class XI is to select the 11 players that will accumulate the most points.

In the event of a tie, competitors will be separated by counting the score of their reserves, the highest total winning. If that is insufficient, the score of the rising star will be decisive. If a further tie-break is necessary, the final tied competitors will be asked to pick their player of the season and explain why.

All matches deemed to be first-class by the TCCB (five, four or three days) will count, including Cornhill Insurance Test matches, Britannic Assurance county championship, University matches and Terley Bitter Challenge (county matches v touring team matches). One-day matches will not count. At the end of each round of matches and each competition period, *The Times* will publish the list of categorised names and their updated aggregate point scores.

How to enter: There are five separate competitions. First, the main competition which runs throughout the 1994 English cricket season and for which entries must be received no later than April 13. Then there are four short competitions covering the matches which take place between **April 13-May 23; May 24-June 27; June 29-August 8; August 10-September 19.**

Entries for the main competition (which may be made by post or by telephone) will also qualify automatically for all four short competitions. Entry details for the individual short competitions (numbers two, three and four) will be published later.

The winners will be the entrants who have the highest points scores after the last match in each competition period and their names will be published in *The Times* with the names and scores of the leading 100 entrants. You may enter any of the competitions as many times as you like but each entry requires a separate telephone call or original entry form (photocopies will not be accepted). Telephone callers must be aged 18 or over.

Entries, whether made by telephone or mail, will be acknowledged by letter including a computer printout of your team selection and an official scorecard. Please allow 28 days for delivery.

Entering by telephone: The 24-hour telephone lines are open now and close at noon on April 13. When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You cannot enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling **0891 500 181.**

Then just follow the simple step-by-step instructions. Listen carefully and take your time.

The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference numbers) for each of your 11 chosen players in the following order: the five batsmen, the all-rounder, the wicketkeeper, the bowlers. You will then be asked to name your reserves (in the same order).

Make sure that the numbers you give fall within the range for each category (ie batsmen, 001-113; all-rounders, 114-156; wicketkeepers, 157-176; bowlers 177-269). Make sure you have picked one captain, one overseas player and one rising star in your team. An incorrect entry will be void.

You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address and daytime phone number. Finally, you will be given an eight-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). **Entering by post:** Each postal application must be made on an original entry form (no photocopies) and accompanied by two first-class stamps (which will be used to acknowledge entry). Send them to ***The Times* First Class XI, 4a Church Green, Harpenden, Hertfordshire AL5 2TP.** Entries must arrive by noon on April 13.

Team names: Competitors may give their teams any name of up to 16 characters although if a name is considered to be in poor taste by the panel, or if that name has already been taken, the competitor's surname will be used instead.

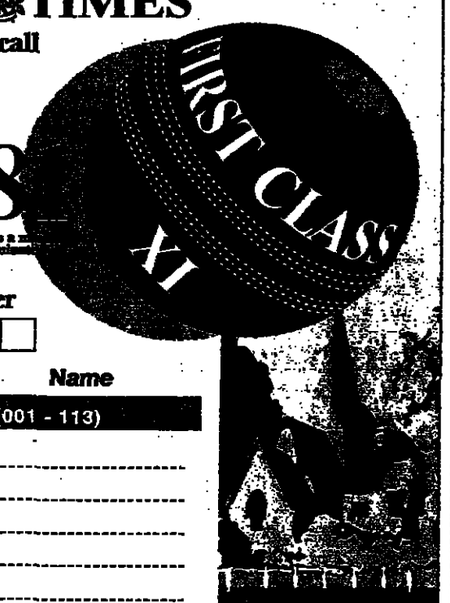
***The Times* First Class XI panel:** Ray Illingworth, the new chairman of selectors, Michael Atherton, the England captain, and Alan Lee, the cricket correspondent of *The Times*, form the panel which has final authority on any issues arising.

THE TIMES

To enter by phone: call

0891 50018

Calls cost 39p a minute cheap rate, 49p a minute at other times. Calls last around 6 minutes.



Your Personal Identification Number

Code Name

BATSMEN (001 - 113)

ALL-ROUNDER (114 - 156)

WICKETKEEPER (157 - 176)

BOWLERS (177 - 269)

RESERVES

BATSMAN

ALL-ROUNDER

WICKETKEEPER

BOWLER

TEAM NAME

(up to 16 characters)

CHECK THAT YOU HAVE SELECTED

One captain ☐ One overseas player ☐

One rising star ☐

in association with Canon

To enter by post (please use block capitals)

NAME ----------

ADDRESS ----------

AGE IF UNDER 18 ---------- TELEPHONE No. ----------

Send your entries to: Times First Class XI

4A Church Green, Harpenden, Herts, AL5 2TP. Entries must be accompanied by two first class stamps

FIRST CLASS XI PLAYERS

Batsmen (001-113)

Pick five players and a reserve from this category

001 ..... * C J Adams (Derbyshire)
002 ..... J C Adams (Nottinghamshire)
003 ..... G F Archer (Nottinghamshire)
004 ..... Asif Din (Warwickshire)
005 ..... M A Atherton (Lancashire)
006 ..... C W J Athey (Sussex)
007 ..... R J Bailey (Northamptonshire)
008 ..... K J BARNETT (Derbyshire)
009 ..... M R BENSON (Kent)
010 ..... D J Bicknell (Surrey)
011 ..... T J Boon (Leicestershire)
012 ..... P D Bowler (Derbyshire)
013 ..... N E BRIERS (Leicestershire)
014 ..... B C Broad (Gloucestershire)
015 ..... A D Brown (Surrey)
016 ..... D Byas (Yorkshire)
017 ..... J D Carr (Middlesex)
018 ..... P A Cottey (Glamorgan)
019 ..... G R Cowdrey (Kent)
020 ..... R M F Cox (Hampshire)
021 ..... J P Crawley (Lancashire)
022 ..... M A Crawley (Nottinghamshire)
023 ..... T S CURTIS (Worcestershire)
024 ..... * J A Daley (Durham)
025 ..... * W A Dessaur (Nottinghamshire)
026 ..... D B D'Oliveira (Worcestershire)
027 ..... N H Fairbrother (Lancashire)
028 ..... N A Felton (Northamptonshire)
029 ..... N A Folland (Somerset)
030 ..... A Fordham (Northamptonshire)
031 ..... G Fowler (Durham)
032 ..... * J E R Gallian (Lancashire)
033 ..... M W GATTING (Middlesex)
034 ..... G A GOOCH (Essex)
035 ..... P Grayson (Yorkshire)
036 ..... K Greenfield (Sussex)
037 ..... J W Hall (Sussex)
038 ..... T H C Hancock (Gloucestershire)
039 ..... R J Harden (Somerset)
040 ..... A N HAYHURST (Somerset)
041 ..... D L Haynes (Middlesex)
042 ..... * D L Hemp (Glamorgan)
043 ..... S G Hinks (Gloucestershire)
044 ..... G D Hodgson (Gloucestershire)
045 ..... * A J Hollioake (Surrey)
046 ..... N Hussain (Essex)
047 ..... * S Hutton (Durham)
048 ..... R C Irani (Essex)
049 ..... S P James (Glamorgan)
050 ..... P Johnson (Nottinghamshire)
051 ..... M Keech (Hampshire)
052 ..... S A Kellett (Yorkshire)
053 ..... N V Knight (Essex)
054 ..... A J LAMB (Northamptonshire)
055 ..... M N Lathwell (Somerset)
056 ..... W Larkins (Durham)
057 ..... D A Leatherdale (Worcestershire)
058 ..... N J Lenham (Sussex)
059 ..... J J B Lewis (Essex)
060 ..... * N J Llong (Kent)
061 ..... G D Lloyd (Lancashire)
062 ..... J I Longley (Durham)
063 ..... M B Loye (Northamptonshire)
064 ..... M A Lynch (Surrey)
065 ..... M P Maynard (Glamorgan)
066 ..... A A Metcalfe (Yorkshire)
067 ..... T C Middleton (Hampshire)
068 ..... A J Moles (Warwickshire)
069 ..... T M Moody (Worcestershire)
070 ..... H MORRIS (Glamorgan)
071 ..... J E Morris (Durham)
072 ..... R S M Morris (Hampshire)
073 ..... M D MOXON (Yorkshire)
074 ..... M C J NICHOLAS (Hampshire)
075 ..... T J G O'Gorman (Derbyshire)
076 ..... D P Ostler (Warwickshire)
077 ..... * T L Penney (Warwickshire)
078 ..... P R Pollard (Nottinghamshire)
079 ..... P J Prichard (Essex)
080 ..... M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)
081 ..... J D Ratcliffe (Warwickshire)
082 ..... R B Richardson (Yorkshire)
083 ..... * D D J Robinson (Essex)
084 ..... P E Robinson (Leicestershire)
085 ..... R T ROBINSON (Nottinghamshire)
086 ..... A S Rollins (Derbyshire)
087 ..... M A Roseberry (Middlesex)
088 ..... A C H Seymour (Worcestershire)
089 ..... N Shahid (Essex)
090 ..... * B F Smith (Leicestershire)
091 ..... J Smith (Durham)
092 ..... R A Smith (Hampshire)
093 ..... N J Speak (Lancashire)
094 ..... A W Smith (Surrey)
095 ..... D M Smith (Sussex)
096 ..... M P Speight (Sussex)
097 ..... A J STEWART (Surrey)
098 ..... N R Taylor (Kent)
099 ..... V P Terry (Hampshire)
100 ..... G P Thorpe (Surrey)
101 ..... S P Titchard (Lancashire)
102 ..... * M E Trescothick (Somerset)
103 ..... R G Twose (Warwickshire)
104 ..... * M P Vaughan (Yorkshire)
105 ..... D M Ward (Surrey)
106 ..... T R Ward (Kent)
107 ..... R J Warren (Northamptonshire)
108 ..... A P WELLS (Sussex)
109 ..... C M Wells (Derbyshire)
110 ..... * W P C Weston (Worcestershire)
111 ..... J J Whitaker (Leicestershire)
112 ..... * M G N Windows (Gloucestershire)
113 ..... A J Wright (Gloucestershire)

All-rounders (114-156)

Pick one player and a reserve from this category

114 ..... M W Alleyne (Gloucestershire)
115 ..... I D Austin (Lancashire)
116 ..... P BAINBRIDGE (Durham)
117 ..... D J Capel (Northamptonshire)
118 ..... * G Chapple (Lancashire)
119 ..... D G Cork (Derbyshire)
120 ..... R D B Croft (Glamorgan)
121 ..... A C Cummins (Durham)
122 ..... K M Curran (Northamptonshire)
123 ..... A Dale (Glamorgan)
124 ..... P A J DeFreitas (Derbyshire)
125 ..... J E Emburey (Middlesex)
126 ..... K P Evans (Nottinghamshire)
127 ..... M A Feltham (Middlesex)
128 ..... M V Fleming (Kent)
129 ..... P J Hartley (Yorkshire)
130 ..... * G R Haynes (Worcestershire)
131 ..... G A Hick (Worcestershire)
132 ..... C L Hooper (Kent)
133 ..... R K Illingworth (Worcestershire)
134 ..... K D James (Hampshire)
135 ..... S R Lampitt (Worcestershire)
136 ..... R P Lefebvre (Glamorgan)
137 ..... C C Lewis (Nottinghamshire)
138 ..... G W Mike (Nottinghamshire)
139 ..... Mushtaq Ahmed (Somerset)
140 ..... P J Newport (Worcestershire)
141 ..... C Penn (Kent)
142 ..... M Prabhakar (Warwickshire)
143 ..... D A REEVE (Warwickshire)
144 ..... G D Rose (Somerset)
145 ..... P V Simmons (Leicestershire)
146 ..... N M K Smith (Warwickshire)
147 ..... P A Smith (Warwickshire)
148 ..... * J N Snape (Northamptonshire)
149 ..... F D Stephenson (Sussex)
150 ..... J P Stephenson (Essex)
151 ..... C M Tolley (Worcestershire)
152 ..... Wasim Akram (Lancashire)
153 ..... M WATKINSON (Lancashire)
154 ..... V J Wells (Leicestershire)
155 ..... * P N Weekes (Middlesex)
156 ..... C White (Yorkshire)

Wicketkeepers (157-176)

Pick one player and a reserve from this category

157 ..... A N Aymes (Hampshire)
158 ..... R J Blakey (Yorkshire)
159 ..... K R Brown (Middlesex)
160 ..... N D Burns (Somerset)
161 ..... B N French (Nottinghamshire)
162 ..... M A Garnham (Essex)
163 ..... W K Hegg (Lancashire)
164 ..... G J Kersey (Surrey)
165 ..... K M Krikken (Derbyshire)
166 ..... S A Marsh (Kent)
167 ..... C P Metson (Glamorgan)
168 ..... P Moores (Sussex)
169 ..... P A Nixon (Leicestershire)
170 ..... K J Piper (Warwickshire)
171 ..... S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)
172 ..... D Ripley (Northamptonshire)
173 ..... * R J Rollins (Essex)
174 ..... R C Russell (Gloucestershire)
175 ..... C W Scott (Durham)
176 ..... R J Turner (Somerset)

Bowlers (177-269)

Pick four players and a reserve from this category

177 ..... J A Afford (Nottinghamshire)
178 ..... C E L Ambrose (Northamptonshire)
179 ..... S J W Andrew (Essex)
180 ..... A M Babington (Gloucestershire)
181 ..... M C J Bell (Gloucestershire)
182 ..... A A Barnett (Lancashire)
183 ..... S R Barwick (Glamorgan)
184 ..... S Bastien (Glamorgan)
185 ..... * J D Batty (Yorkshire)
186 ..... J E Benjamin (Surrey)
187 ..... W K M Benjamin (Hampshire)
188 ..... P J Berry (Durham)
189 ..... M P Bicknell (Surrey)
190 ..... I R Bishop (Derbyshire)
191 ..... J Boiling (Surrey)
192 ..... M Broadhurst (Yorkshire)
193 ..... S J E Brown (Durham)
194 ..... M A Butcher (Surrey)
195 ..... A R Caddick (Somerset)
196 ..... J H Childs (Essex)
197 ..... C A Connor (Hampshire)
198 ..... N G B Cook (Northamptonshire)
199 ..... K E Cooper (Gloucestershire)
200 ..... A C Cottam (Northamptonshire)
201 ..... N G Cowans (Hampshire)
202 ..... R P Davis (Warwickshire)
203 ..... M A Ealham (Kent)
204 ..... R M Ellison (Kent)
205 ..... M G Field-Buss (Nottinghamshire)
206 ..... * D P J Flint (Hampshire)
207 ..... M J Foster (Yorkshire)
208 ..... A R C Fraser (Middlesex)
209 ..... O D Gibson (Glamorgan)
210 ..... * E S H Giddins (Sussex)
211 ..... D Gough (Yorkshire)
212 ..... D A Graveney (Durham)
213 ..... F A Griffith (Derbyshire)
214 ..... D W Headley (Kent)
215 ..... E E Hemmings (Sussex)
216 ..... A P Igglesden (Kent)
217 ..... M C Ilott (Essex)
218 ..... P W Jarvis (Sussex)
219 ..... M Jean-Jacques (Hampshire)
220 ..... * R L Johnson (Middlesex)
221 ..... M S Kasprowicz (Essex)
222 ..... N M Kendrick (Surrey)
223 ..... * D R Law (Sussex)
225 ..... M J McCague (Kent)
226 ..... D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)
227 ..... N A Mallender (Somerset)
228 ..... P J Martin (Lancashire)
229 ..... R J Maru (Hampshire)
230 ..... D J Millns (Leicestershire)
231 ..... O H Mortensen (Derbyshire)
232 ..... A D Mullally (Leicestershire)
233 ..... T A Munton (Warwickshire)
234 ..... A J Murphy (Surrey)
235 ..... J A North (Sussex)
236 ..... G J Persons (Leicestershire)
237 ..... M M Patel (Kent)
238 ..... R M Pearson (Essex)
239 ..... A L Penberthy (Northamptonshire)
240 ..... * D B Pennett (Nottinghamshire)
241 ..... R A Pick (Nottinghamshire)
242 ..... A G S Pigott (Surrey)
243 ..... * A R K Pierson (Leicestershire)
244 ..... N V Radford (Worcestershire)
245 ..... A R Roberts (Northamptonshire)
246 ..... M A Robinson (Yorkshire)
247 ..... I D K Salisbury (Sussex)
248 ..... K J Shine (Middlesex)
249 ..... R W Sladdin (Derbyshire)
250 ..... G C Small (Warwickshire)
251 ..... D J Spencer (Kent)
252 ..... R D Stemp (Yorkshire)
253 ..... P M Such (Essex)
254 ..... J P Taylor (Northamptonshire)
255 ..... * S D Thomas (Glamorgan)
256 ..... M J Thursfield (Hampshire)
257 ..... T D Topley (Essex)
258 ..... H R J Trump (Somerset)
259 ..... P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)
260 ..... S D Udal (Hampshire)
261 ..... M J Vandrau (Derbyshire)
262 ..... A P Van Troost (Somerset)
263 ..... C A WALSH (Gloucestershire)
264 ..... Waqar Younis (Surrey)
265 ..... A E Warner (Derbyshire)
266 ..... S L Watkin (Glamorgan)
267 ..... N F Williams (Middlesex)
268 ..... J Wood (Durham)
269 ..... G Yates (Lancashire)

CAPITALS denote captains — Bold type denotes oversees players — * denotes rising stars

Captains

116: P Bainbridge (all-rounder)
008: K J Barnett (batsman)
009: M R Benson (batsman)
013: N E Briers (batsman)
023: T S Curtis (batsman)
033: M W Gatting (batsman)
034: G A Gooch (batsman)
040: A N Hayhurst (batsman)
054: A J Lamb (batsman)
070: H Morris (batsman)
073: M D Moxon (batsman)
074: M C J Nicholas (batsman)
143: D A Reeve (all-rounder)
086: R T Robinson (batsman)
097: A J Stewart (batsman)
263: C A Walsh (bowler, o'sees player)
153: M Watkinson (all-rounder)
108: A P Wells (batsman)

Overseas players

002: J C Adams (batsman)
178: C E L Ambrose (bowler)
187: W K M Benjamin (bowler)
190: I R Bishop (bowler)
121: A C Cummins (all-rounder)
209: O D Gibson (bowler)
041: D L Haynes (batsman)
132: C L Hooper (all-rounder)
221: M S Kasprowicz (bowler)
069: T M Moody (batsman)
139: Mushtaq Ahmed (all-rounder)
142: M Prabhakar (all-rounder)
082: R B Richardson (batsman)
145: P V Simmons (all-rounder)
149: F D Stephenson (all-rounder)
263: C A Walsh (bowler, captain)
264: Waqar Younis (bowler)
152: Wasim Akram (all-rounder)

Rising stars

001: C J Adams (batsman)
185: J D Batty (bowler)
118: G Chapple (all-rounder)
024: J A Daley (batsman)
025: W A Dessaur (batsman)
206: D P J Flint (bowler)
032: J E R Gallian (batsman)
210: E S H Giddins (bowler)
130: G R Haynes (all-rounder)
042: D L Hemp (batsman)
045: A J Hollioake (batsman)
047: S Hutton (batsman)
220: R L Johnson (bowler)
223: D R Law (bowler)
060: N J Llong (batsman)
240: D B Pennett (bowler)
077: T L Penney (batsman)
243: A R K Pierson (bowler)
083: D D J Robinson (batsman)
173: R J Rollins (wicketkeeper)
090: B F Smith (batsman)
148: J N Snape (all-rounder)
255: S D Thomas (bowler)
102: M Trescothick (batsman)
104: M P Vaughan (batsman)
155: P N Weekes (all-rounder)
110: W P C Weston (batsman)
112: M G N Windows (batsman)

1. Only applications made *through The Times First Class XI* telephone lines or on the official entry form will be accepted and must be received by the closing date.

2. They must be received by noon on Wednesday, April 13, 1994. There is no limit to the number of telephone applications any person or household may make. The 24-hour lines are open now.

3. Only players published in our The Times First Class XI list will be accepted into our First Class XI competition. Incorrect entries null and void with no refund. No correspondence related to players selected will be entered into. Entries lost or found to be indecipherable will be void.

4. Entries must consist of 15 players (11 first choice and four reserves) from the published list and must include one captain, one overseas player and one rising star as categorised in the list. Of your 11, five must be batsmen, one an all-rounder, one a wicketkeeper and four bowlers. One each of the four reserves must be a batsmen, all-rounder, wicketkeeper and bowler. None of the reserves may be captains, overseas players or rising stars. No player can be picked twice.

5. *The Times* Independent panel of experts will provide updated records of each player's performance on a regular basis.

6. Inaudible or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The computer's record of the entry will be considered to be the entry.

7. The telephone entry method is only open to readers over the age of 18.

8. The first prize will go to the team with the highest total score. If there is more than one entrant with the same total of points, the winner will be decided by tie-break. We will investigate complaints but our decision is final and we will not enter into correspondence regarding the competition.

9. Promotional and explanatory copy relating to The Times First Class XI form part of the terms and conditions for participation.

10. Calls charged at 36p per minute cheap rate and 48p per minute at other times. From March 31 calls will be charged at 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at other times.

11. Calls should take approximately six minutes.

12. The competition is not open to employees of News International or their agents.

The infocheck Group

Software suppliers for the First Class XI game

See the Test of your choice

BY SIMON WILDE

THE *Times* First Class XI is open to competitors aged under 18, but only by post. Entrants who identify themselves as representing schools will also be eligible for an additional schools competition. The 12 leading teams at the end of the season in this competition will win for their schools Kwik Cricket sets. Please enter the name of the school after your own name on the entry form.

For the overall winner of the First Class XI game, the selection process will not stop with picking his or her successful team. The first prize provides the opportunity to take a trip for two to any Test match anywhere in the world during 1995, including air tickets, hotel accommodation and match tickets.

It will not be an easy choice to make with some outstanding cricket fixtures in some of the world's most exotic locations. Several of them, moreover, involve England. The prize presents the opportunity to travel to such places as Australia or New Zealand, the Caribbean or South Africa.

When the year begins, England will be in Australia attempting to recapture the Ashes they lost in 1989. New Year's Day sees the start of the third Test match in Sydney, and England will subsequently play Tests in Adelaide (January 26-30) and Perth (February 3-7). For 11 weeks from October, England will be overseas again, making their first Test tour of South Africa for over 20 years.

In the Caribbean, Australia will be attempting once again to topple West Indies. When the countries last met in a Test series, in Australia in 1992-93, the hosts went within two runs of becoming the first team to inflict a series defeat on West Indies since 1980, and uncompromising contests are assured in Jamaica, Guyana, Trinidad, Barbados and Antigua.

A thrilling series is also in prospect in England, where West Indies will be making a full tour during the domestic season.

Twenty-five runners-up to the overall winner will receive bats, provided by the Morrant Group, autographed by the England and South Africa players, along with other England merchandise. The winners of the three short-term games will each receive a Phillips CDI player.

TEST MATCH TICKETS
BOOK NOW
THE CORNHILL INSURANCE TEST MATCH SERIES
ENGLAND v NEW ZEALAND

1ST TEST — THURS 2 – MON 6 JUNE (Inc. Sunday play) — TRENT BRIDGE PHONE 0602 817005
2ND TEST — THURS 16 – MON 20 JUNE (Inc. Sunday play) — LORD'S* PHONE 071 289 8979
3RD TEST — THU 30 JUNE – TUE 5 JULY (Rest day Sunday) — OLD TRAFFORD PHONE 061 848 7021

* Postal applications at Lord's available now. Credit card bookings from the 21st April at Lord's.

TICKETMASTER 24hr HOTLINE 071-413 1413



Dickson fighting for lead in low winds

By Barry Pickthall

AFTER a day at sea, the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race fleet have fallen into an established pecking order, with Chris Dickson's *Tokio* fighting for supremacy against Ross Field's *Yamaha* and *Intrum Justitia*, skippered by Lawrie Smith.

With the wind barely strong enough to ruffle sponsor's flags, let alone fill sails, conditions at Punta del Este, Uruguay for the start of this fifth leg of the race to Fort Lauderdale were in stark contrast to the Southern Ocean the fleet has been battling through for the past four months.

Yamaha was the first to cross the line, moments ahead of Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss maxi, *Merit Cup*, but it was *New Zealand Endeavour*, with a protest flag flying from her rigging, that was first to round the initial buoy.

The two Ukranian entries, *Hetman Sahaidachny* and *Odessa*, missed the start completely after two rival crew members were delayed in Florida after their flight was cancelled. The views of their respective skippers on their late arrival went unrecorded, but Eric Tabarly's *La Poste* crew certainly made their thoughts clear to the Uruguayan authorities, who have been holding four of their crewmates in jail for the past two weeks following an assault on a burglar who had broken into their apartment.

Each crewman carried the word "libertad" (Spanish for liberty) emblazoned across the back of their T-shirts, and as the yacht left her mooring, they turned in unison to face the crowd, each one bearing a letter from the same word printed across their chests.

As the fleet sailed away the four *La Poste* men remain incarcerated awaiting trial, charged with kidnapping and grievous bodily harm.

After 24 hours at sea, the fleet remains tightly bunched, with *La Poste* and her two ketch-rigged maxi rivals, *New Zealand Endeavour* and *Merit Cup*, racing line abreast just two miles astern of the two Whitbread 60 frontrunners *Tokio* and *Yamaha*.

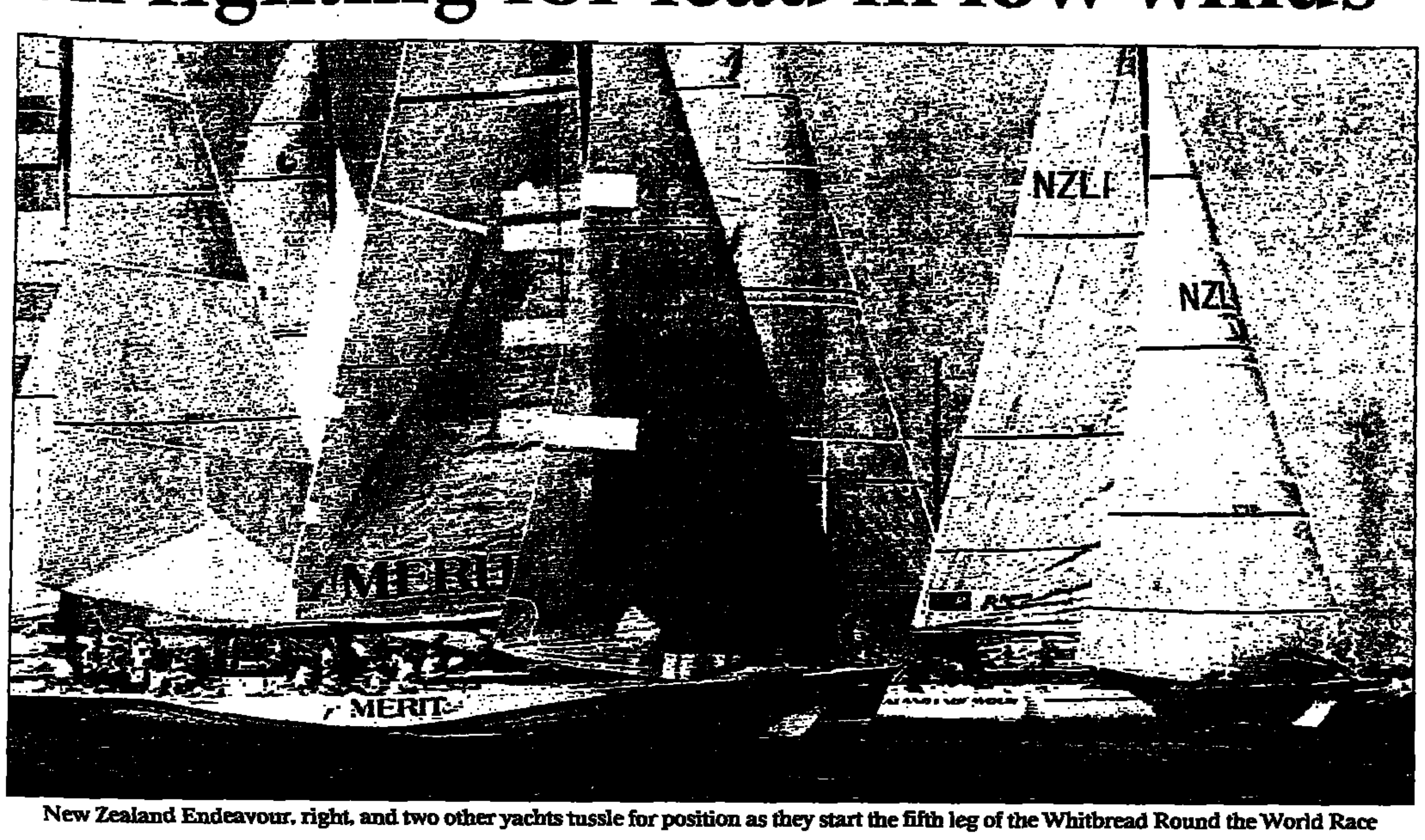
These two 60-footers averaged just 7.1 knots over the first 60 miles, though this improved to 9.1 knots yesterday morning as the warm north easterly winds began to fill in. Before the start, Lawrie Smith, skipper of the third placed *Intrum Justitia* suggested: "It will be a tactical in shore race to start with. The first two days will be in light airs before a front comes through. Whoever predicts that change most accurately will get the first break."

Four years ago, Smith sailed more than 300 miles out to sea on this leg up the South American coast and pulled out a large lead — a tactic he may be planning again if the light winds continue to prevail.

Brad Butterworth, another old hand from previous Whitbread races, added:"The hardest part is from the start to just above Rio de Janeiro. If there is going to be a big break within the fleet, this is where it is going to happen."

Matt Humphries' British entry *Dolphin & Youth Challenge* was back in seventh place within the Whitbread 60 place yesterday, trailing Dawn Riley's all-women crew on *Heineken* by six miles. Humphries and his crew have been handicapped by the loss of Chris Ramsden, their American crewmate who fell while climbing a drain pipe into his apartment shortly after the yacht arrived in Punta del Este. He was found still unconscious the following morning and was not fit enough to continue in the race. He has now returned to England and has been replaced on this leg by one of *Dolphin's* shore crew.

The leading yachts are expected to reach Fort Lauderdale around April 23 and to complete the race back to Southampton early in June.



New Zealand Endeavour, right, and two other yachts tussle for position as they start the fifth leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race

POSITIONS

At 1400 GMT yesterday, with nautical miles to Fort Lauderdale

Whitbread 60 class: equal 1, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) and Yamaha (R Field, NZ), 5,226; 3, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur), 5,229; 4, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 5,230; 5, Winston (B Butterworth, US), 5,321; 6, Heineken (D Riley, US), 5,233; 7, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 5,239; 8, Brooksfield (G Malsto, It), 5,259; 9, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr), 5,287; 10, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr) 5,297.

Maxi class: equal 1, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Swiss) and La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr), 5,228; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru), 5,267.

Warrington join Bradford and Wigan in chase

By Christopher Irvine

GIVEN the twists and turns of recent days, the Stones Bitter rugby league championship is still wide open to any one of three clubs before the first division race concludes in just under three weeks.

Having both fallen on two of their last four outings, Wigan and Bradford Northern are making something of a hamfisted grab at glory. If Warrington can win at Central Park today then the points in the bag will switch the emphasis to them. They assumed the lead from Bradford last Friday, and aim for a first league title for 21 years.

In a climax to the season of maddening inconsistency, Warrington's hopes had apparently foundered from defeats by Halifax and Bradford a month ago. Since then, they have recovered their poise, while nerve has deserted Bradford and Wigan.

The calming influence of the win at St Helens three days ago has already given way at Wigan to renewed rumour and speculation concerning the future of John Dorahy, their coach, and a possible takeover of the club by David Whelan, a local businessman.

Warrington only lost to the champions at home in January by a highly contentious penalty decision in injury time, and have the best away league record of any club in recent times at Wigan, having won on five of their last seven visits. If they lost, Wigan would be in a position, with three games in hand on Warrington, to make up a six-point deficit but would then face the immense task of having to overcome Bradford twice in four days on April 12 and 15.

Given Bradford's own potential to blow up, as they did last Friday night, nothing is certain any more. Halifax won playing with 12 men for much of the game and could yet end up as king makers as they confront Wigan on Thursday.

Bradford will look to reassert themselves against Hull at home this afternoon. Carl Hall, of Bradford, will move from the wing into the centre for Darrall Shelford, who pulled a hamstring against Halifax.

Hull's injury position is more severe, with four key figures, Des Hasler, Tim Street, Jeff Doyle and Rob Nolan, all absent.

Sheffield Eagles are on a record run of seven wins in the first division and could deepen Hull Kingston Rovers' relegation fears. Oldham need to beat Castleford at home and Wakefield Trinity need to win away at Featherstone Rovers to ease their troubles.

Doncaster, the second division leaders, play Huddersfield, in third place, which could determine one of the two promotion places.

TOP SEVEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warrington	26	20	0	6	530	351	40
Bradford N.	24	19	0	5	636	434	38
Wigan	23	18	0	5	593	326	36
Castleford	25	17	1	7	677	366	35
Halifax	25	15	2	8	559	443	32
Sheffield E.	25	14	1	10	567	535	29
St Helens	24	13	1	10	495	422	27

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

LIMERICK: World student cross country championships: Men: 1, S Duval (GB) 38min 48sec, 2, P Gaidu (Pol) 38:51; 3, M Jones (GB) 39:02; 4, D Bannister (GB) 39:15; 21, D Donnelly (GB). Team: 1, Great Britain 29pts, 2, Spain 58, 3, Italy 77. Women: 1, I Neguna (Rom) 19:59, 2, S Sommaggio (It) 20:03, 3 J Vaquero (Sp) 20:29; 4 V McPherson (GB) 20:34; 8, J Spark (GB) 20.42, 8, A Duke (GB) 20:56. Team: 1, Great Britain 18pts, 2, France 31; 3, Romania 35.
ROAD RACES: Diadora North of England 12-stage relay championship (Robertown, West Yorkshire, 52.2m) 1, Salford (holders) 4hr 27min 55sec, 2, Leeds City 4:28.49, 3, Morpeth 4:30.56. Diadora South of England 12-stage road relay championship (Thurrock): 1, Bexhill Racers 3:40.51, 2, Blackheath 3:42:50; 3, Hounslow 3:43.26. Forfar 10km race: Men: 1, P McCrosan (Dundee Hawkhill) 30:48, 2, S Weir (Fifeshire) 31:18, 3, M Turner (Cameron) 32:00. Women: 1, L McColgan (Dundee Hawkhill) 34:37, 2, F Lothian (Claremont) 36.09, 3, M Muir (Dundee Road Runners) 37:39. Welsh 10-mile championship (Newport): Winners: Men: S Brace (Bridgend) 49:40 (course record). Women: H Nash (Cardiff) 55.27. Easter open 10-mile race (Macclesfield). Men: P Evans (Belgium) 48.31 (course record). Women: J Harrop (Havant) 59:17.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Doncaster Panthers 83 (Jones 28, Joseph 27) London Towers 90 (R Scantlebury 22, Bowers 20); Guildford Kings 111 (Brown 24, Miller 20), Hemel 20; Oldham Celtics 90 (Menfield 33, Hope 27); Hemel Hempstead Royals 77 (Hatchet 29) Thames Valley Tigers 104 (Lloyd 20); Sunderland Scorpions 91 (Gardner 41) Chester Jets 90 (Book 24, Crown 20); Worthing Bears 96 (Irish 31, Cunningham 29) Leicester Riders 84 (Hossam 31).
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Boston 95 Washington 99; Miami 101 Indiana 91; New Jersey 96 Orlando 98; Philadelphia 100 Portland 111; Chicago 102 Detroit 95; Dallas 104 Charlotte 108; Phoenix 93 Atlanta 87; Golden State 146 Minnesota 109; Los Angeles Lakers 101 Houston 88. Saturday: Indiana 128 Orlando 113; Washington 104 Milwaukee 96; Cleveland 95 Dallas 88; New York 110 Miami 87; San Antonio 117 Charlotte 111; Utah 101 Denver 91; Seattle 119 Golden State 109; Sacramento 102 Minnesota 87.

BOWLS

LINCOLN: Frizzell national mixed pairs championship: Quarter-finals: Cambridge Chesterton 13 Desborough (Macclesfield) 12; Copeland 15 Nottingham 11; East Dorset 13 Pinewood Park 12; North Walsham 18 York 9. Semi-finals: Cambridge Chesterton (L Jarman and C Messer) 11 Copeland (L Rose and J Walker) 10; East Dorset (J and R Tappin) 13 North Walsham (J Roylance and D Wrightson) 10. Final: Cambridge Chesterton 18 East Dorset 8.

CYCLING

MEERBEKE, Belgium: Tour of Flanders (268km): 1, G Bugno (It) 6hr 45min 20sec; 2, J Museeuw (Belgium); 3, A Tchmil (Moldavia); 4, F Ballerini (Italy) all same time. 5, J Capiot (Belgium) 1min 11sec behind. 6, F Baldato (Italy) at 1:54. British: 48, S Yates 4.35.
ROAD RACES: Girvan International three-day pro-am event: Third stage (100m): 1, I Gilkes (RT Italia) 4hr 20min 46sec; 2, N Hoban (Foremost Furnishers) at 8sec, 3, B Burns (PCA) same time. Overall: 1, Gilkes 7:19:32; 2, S Hempsall (Choice Accountancy) at 21sec; 3, S Farrell (West Midlands Centre of Excellence) at 24sec. Tour of the Borders four-day event: Third stage (63m): 1, J Markham (Clayton Velo) 2:51 06; 2, J Kenna (Clayton Velo) at 7sec; 3, D Cook (Middridge CRT) at 12sec. Overall: 1, J Kenna 9:05:46; 2, S Bowering (Leeds RRC) at 19sec; 3, S Small (ABC Centreville) at 39sec. Guernsey Easter Festival event (100km): Winner: P Pickers (Antelope RT), 2:50:00. East Bradford CC (67m): Winner: P Manning (Weldnsport CC), 2:40:58.

HOCKEY

CARDIFF: Women's European Cup-Winners' Cup: Group A: Skif Moscow 0 Stade Francais 0; Amsterdam 1 Valdeluz (Sp) 5; Amsterdam 1 Skif 1; Valdeluz 0 Stade Francais 1. Final positions: 1, Skif 4pts; 2, Francais 4; 3, Amsterdam 3; 4, Valdeluz 2. Group B: Portadown (Ire) 1 Bayer Leverkusen 4; Cardiff Athletic 0 Balsam Leicester 2; Leicester 1 Bayer 1; Cardiff 0 Portadown 2. Final positions: 1, Bayer 5; 2, Leicester 5; 3, Portadown 2; 4, Cardiff 0.
TERRASSA, Spain: Men's European Cup-Winners' Cup: Pool A: HGC (Holl) 2 Dragons (Bel) 1; Harvesthuder (Ger) 1 SS Lazio (It) 1, HGC 4 Harvesthuder 2. Dragons 0 Lazio 1. Final positions: 1, HGC 6pts; 2, Harvesthuder 3; 3, Lazio 3; 4, Dragons 0. Pool B: Teddington 1 Ekaterinburg (Russ) 3, Atlético Terrassa (Sp) 5 Lisnagarvey (N Ire) 0, Atlético Terrassa 0 Teddington 0; Ekaterinburg 1 Lisnagarvey 2. Final positions: 1, Atlético Terrassa 5, 2, Teddington 3, 3, Ekaterinburg 2; 4, Lisnagarvey 2.
EDINBURGH: European youth tournament: Boys: Under-16: Scotland 0 Germany 4; Spain 2 Holland 2; France 1 England 3; England 3 Holland 3; Germany 7 France 3; Scotland 2 Spain 10; Spain 4 England 2, Scotland 3 France 5; Germany 1 Holland 2. Under-18: France 1 Holland 5; Spain 4 Scotland 3; England 1 Germany 2; Germany 1 Spain 1; Scotland 1 Holland 2; England 2 France 0; France 0 Spain 2; Scotland 0 Germany 3; Holland 0 England 0. Girls: Under-16: Holland 4 Germany 1; Spain 1 England 4; Scotland 1 France 1; Scotland 0 Holland 7; Germany 2 Spain 1; England 4 France 0; Spain 2 France 0; Holland 2 England 1; Scotland 0 Germany 1. Under-18: Scotland 0 France 0; Germany 4 Holland 3; Spain 1 England 3; Germany 2 France 0; England 1 Holland 2; Scotland 1 Spain 1 Scotland 0 Holland 4; France 0 Spain 4; England 0 Germany 1.

CRICKET

One day international (Christchurch)

INDIA

A Jadeja c Rutherford b Pringle	68
S R Tendulkar b Larsen	40
N S Sidhu c Nash b Harris	9
V G Kambli run out	19
M Azharuddin c Larsen b Hart	1
Kapil Dev b Morrison	15
N Mongia not out	40
A R Kumble not out	18
Extras (lb 7, w 5)	12
Total (6 wkts)	222

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-80, 3-114, 4-118, 5-150, 6-183
S Ankola, J Srinath, V Prasad did not bat.
BOWLING: D Morrison 10-1-47-1; C Pringle 6-0-43-1; C Harris 10-1-25-1; M Hart 10-1-30-1; D Nash 5-0-33-0; G Larsen 9-1-37-1.

NEW ZEALAND

B A Young b Kumble	43
C Z Harris lbw b Kapil Dev	0
K R Rutherford c and b Kumble	61
S J Fleming c Prasad b Kumble	25
S A Thomson not out	40
A C Parore not out	47
Extras (w 4, lb 2, nb 1)	7
Total (4 wkts, 49.5 overs)	223

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-89, 3-135, 4-135
D J Nash, G Larsen, M N Hart, D K Morrison, C Pringle did not bat.
BOWLING: Srinath 9.5-0-46-0; Kumble 10-0-47-3; Tendulkar 5-0-22-0; Kapil Dev 8-3-20-1; Ankola 8-0-37-0; Prasad 9-0-49-0.
MAN OF THE MATCH: Parore.
New Zealand won by six wickets; four-match series tied 2-2.

One day international (Durban)

SOUTH AFRICA

A C Hudson c Warne b Reiffel	14
P N Kirsten c M Waugh b Warne	53
W J Cronje c Warne b May	10
J N Rhodes st Healy b May	18
A P Kuiper run out	12
K C Wessels run out	15
E Simons st Healy b Border	6
B M McMillan b S Waugh	17
D J Richardson not out	7
C R Matthews c Healy b Border	0
P S de Villiers st Healy b Border	0
Extras (lb 4, nb 3, w 1)	8
Total (in 49.5 overs)	158

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-62, 3-67, 4-109, 5-118, 6-129, 7-139, 8-155, 9-158.
BOWLING: Reiffel 7-1-13-1; McGrath 6-1-20-0; Warne 10-0-34-1; S Waugh 9-1-25-1; May 10-0-35-2; Border 7.5-0-27-3

AUSTRALIA

M J Slater c P Kirsten b Simons	31
D C Boon run out	30
D Jones lbw b Simons	8
M E Waugh not out	21
S R Waugh not out	67
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (3 wkts, 40 overs)	159

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-66, 3-71
A R Border, I A Healy, P R Reiffel, S K Warne, T M May, G D McGrath did not bat.
BOWLING: De Villiers 8-0-31-0; Matthews 8-0-34-0; Simons 10-2-32-2; McMillan 6-0-21-0; Cronje 7-0-32-0; Kuiper 1-0-7-0.
MAN OF THE MATCH: Border.
Australia won by seven wickets; South Africa lead series 3-2.

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Championship play-off: Group A: Cardiff Devils 8 Durham Wasps 2; Nottingham Panthers 4 Whitley Warriors 2. Group B: Sheffield Steelers 8 Fife Flyers 3; Humberside Hawks 8 Murrayfield Racers 6. Promotion-relegations play-offs: Group A: Milton Keynes Kings 6 Blackburn Hawks 5; Telford Tigers 17 Billingham Bombers 4. Group B Peterborough Pirates 11 Romford Raiders 6; Slough Jets 9 Medway Bears 2.
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Buffalo 5 Boston 0; New York Islanders 5 Montreal 2; New York Rangers 3 Dallas 0; Tampa Bay 4 St Louis 3; Vancouver 5 Winnipeg 1; Washington 2 New Jersey 1. Saturday: Detroit 3 Calgary 3 (overtime); Edmonton 5 Los Angeles 3; Florida 2 Ottawa 2 (overtime); Philadelphia 6 Hartford 5; New York Rangers 4 New Jersey 2; Buffalo 6 Quebec 2; Anaheim 3 Toronto 1; Montreal 3 New York Islanders 3 (overtime); San Jose 7 Vancouver 4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

WINFIELD CUP: Eastern Suburbs 12 Brisbane Broncos 44; St George 46, Balmain 6; North Sydney 26 Penrith 16; Newcastle Knights 10 Manly-Warringah 13; Western Suburbs 10 Cronulla-Sutherland 36; Illawarra Steelers 20 South Sydney 20; Gold Coast Seagulls 24 Parramatta 26.
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Castleford 26 Featherstone Rovers 6; Halifax 27 Bradford Northern 18; Hull 14 Hull Kingston Rovers 8; Salford 23 Oldham 26; Sheffield Eagles 48 Leigh 4; St Helens 9 Wigan 15; Wakefield Trinity 20 Leeds 29; Warrington 2 Widnes 14. Second division: Bramley 18 Hunslet 16; Carlisle 29 Barrow 24; Dewsbury 8 Batley 34; Highfield 6 London Crusaders 58; Rochdale 38 Swinton 25; Ryedale York 16 Doncaster 23; Workington 4 Whitehaven 7.

SNOOKER

PLYMOUTH: British Open: First round: S Hendry (Scot) bt C Thorburn (Can) 5-2. Second round: S Davis (Eng) bt B Morgan (Eng) 5-1; D Morgan (Wales) bt J Higgins (Scot) 5-4; N Bond (Eng) bt A Robidoux (Can) 5-3; A Drago (Malta) bt R Lawler (Eng) 5-2; A Hicks (Eng) bt M Hallett (Eng) 5-4; K Doherty (Ire) bt M Price (Eng) 5-1; D Mountjoy (Wales) bt D Taylor (N Ire) 5-4; A Bolsover (Eng) bt D Roe (Eng) 5-2; A McManus (Scot) bt J Johnson (Eng) 5-2; J Parrott (Eng) bt J Swail (N Ire) 5-1; J White (Eng) bt D Dale (Wales) 5-2; Hendry bt D O'Kane (NZ) 5-2; J Ferguson (Eng) bt S James (Eng) 5-3; J Wattana (Thai) bt M Johnston-Allen (Eng) 5-2. Third round: Bond bt Parrott 5-3; Drago bt J White (Eng) 5-2; R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt W Thorne (Eng) 5-2.

TABLE TENNIS

BIRMINGHAM: European championships: Men: Singles: Second round: Chen Xinhua (Eng) bt A Karakasevic (Independent Federation Players) 19-21, 21-16, 18-21, 21-9, 21-12; J-M Saive (Bel) bt J Truska (Slovakia) 21-14, 21-10, 21-12; T Keen (Holl) bt B Billington (Eng) 21-8, 21-12, 21-15; A Mazunov (Russ) bt P Javurek (Cz Rep) 19-21, 21-12, 21-16, 21-15; C Creanga (Gr) bt C Legout (Fr) 21-16, 18-21, 20-22, 21-13, 21-7; V Samsonov (Belo) bt C Ignat (Rom) 21-15, 18-21, 21-14, 21-16; E Lindh (Swe) bt J Plachy (Cz Rep) 18-21, 21-19, 21-19, 21-17; D Heister (Holl) bt P Franz (Ger) 21-15, 21-19, 19-21, 21-19; T Miller (Switz) bt F Sonnel (Bel) 21-18, 21-9, 21-8; A Grubba (Pol) bt D Surbek Jr (Cro) 21-17, 21-9, 21-10; P Chila (Fr) bt Z Harczi (Hun) 21-14, 21-19, 21-14; L Hauth (Den) walkover S Fetzner (Ger); A Cooke (Eng) bt V Dvorak (Ukr) 21-17, 21-13, 13-21, 20-22, 21-14; P Saive (Bel) bt Qian Qianli (Austria) 21-16, 18-21, 21-9, 21-8; P Karlsson (Swe) bt S Ignjatovic (Slovenia) 21-19, 21-16, 21-11; Ding Yi (Austria) bt D Douglas (Eng) 21-23, 15-21, 21-19, 21-10, 21-14; J-P Gatien (Fr) bt C Dreher (Ger) 21-15, 21-16, 21-14; I Solopov (Est) bt M Syed (Eng) 21-15, 21-17, 21-14; D Cioca (Gr) bt P Valasti (Fin) 21-9, 21-6, 21-9; G Yaldiz (Tur) bt P Haldan (Holl) 22-20, 22-20, 8-21, 17-21, 21-18; A Podpinka (Bel) bt T von Scheele (Swe) 21-18, 19-21, 21-13, 21-14; V Florea (Rom) bt E Brainin (Russ) 21-18, 21-12, 21-12; Z Primorac (Cro) bt L Nannoni (It) 21-13, 21-16, 21-18; J Rosskopf (Ger) bt P Nilsson (Swe) 21-9, 21-17, 21-15; R Vimi (Slovakia) bt Z Kalinic (IFP) 18-21, 21-18, 22-20, 21-16; C Prean (Eng) bt R Kostel (Cz Rep) 21-5, 21-13, 21-11; P Korbel (Cz Rep) bt M Kadar (Isr) 21-17, 21-10, 12-21, 19-21, 21-13; R Vyborny (Cz Rep) bt O Marmurek (Fr) 13-21, 21-17, 26-24, 18-21, 21-19; T Cabrera (Bel) bt S Vardanian (Armenia) 21-12, 15-21, 21-16, 21-10; K Nemeth (Hun) bt N Charelain (Fr) 21-17, 21-10, 20-22, 21-14; L Blaszczyk (Pol) bt A Bentsen (Den) 21-17, 23-21, 21-14; J-O Waldner (Swe) bt B Rozenberg (Isr) 21-16, 21-15, 21-15. Third round: Chen bt Miller 21-11, 21-16, 21-17; P Saive bt Karlsson 21-13, 21-15, 13-21, 21-18; J-M Saive bt Mazunov 21-18, 21-12, 13-21, 21-17; Samsonov bt Creanga 21-11, 21-11, 15-21, 21-16; Chila bt Grubba 21-14, 21-19, 21-18; Heister bt Lindh 13-21, 21-15, 23-21, 20-22, 21-18; Cioca bt Yaldiz 21-13, 21-18, 21-8; Hauth bt Cooke 18-21, 21-10, 21-19, 21-18; Korbel bt Keen 21-15, 19-21, 21-10, 12-21, 21-18; Primorac bt Florea 20-22, 24-22, 21-13, 21-18; Prean bt Nemeth 19-21, 8-21, 21-12, 21-10, 21-13; Podpinka bt Ding Yi 21-15, 17-21, 21-18, 21-16; Rosskopf bt Vimi 21-15, 21-16, 21-17; Cabrera bt Vyborny 21-18, 21-15, 21-16; Solopov bt Gatien 22-20, 18-21, 21-19, 17-21, 21-13; Waldner bt Blaszczyk 21-10, 21-14, 21-14. Fourth round: Waldner bt Prean 21-10, 21-12, 21-19; Rosskopf bt Cabrera 21-9, 21-13, 21-13; Cioca bt Solopov 11-21, 21-11, 21-14, 22-20; Chila bt Korbel 21-19, 19-21, 10-21, 21-17, 21-15; Chen Xinhua bt Heister 21-18, 21-18, 21-19; J-M Saive bt Samsonov 21-7, 17-21, 21-14, 21-19; P Saive bt Hauth 21-12, 21-11, 25-23; Primorac bt Podpinka 21-18, 21-14, 21-9. Quarter-finals: Waldner bt Rosskopf 21-11, 22-20, 21-17; Primorac bt Cioca 15-21, 21-18, 23-21, 21-23, 21-13. Doubles: Quarter-finals: J Rosskopf (Ger) and S Fetzner (Ger) bt P Karlsson (Swe) and T von Scheele (Swe) 21-9, 19-21, 21-17; J-M Saive (Bel) and Z Primorac (Cro) bt P Chila (Fr) and O Marmurek (Fr) 21-17, 21-13; V Samsonov (Belo) and C Dreher (Ger) bt T Cabrera (Bel) and F Sonnet (Bel) 21-14, 21-15; C Creanga (Gr) and Z Kalinic (IFP) bt J-P Gatien (Fr) and D Eloi (Fr) 21-13, 21-12. Women: Singles: Third round: O Badescu (Rom) bt Z Pollackova (Slovakia) 17-21, 21-19, 21-12, 21-18; T Kostromina (Belo) bt L Lomas (Eng) 21-19, 21-9, 21-18, D Guergueltcheva (Bul) bt B Wiktorsson (Swe) 21-11, 18-21, 21-17, 25-23; J Schopp (Ger) bt P Cehovin (Slovenia) 21-16, 21-13, 21-7; Tu Dai-Yong (Switz) bt Ni Xia Lian (Lux) 21-17, 21-15, 16-21, 21-15; M Svensson (Swe) bt G Melnik (Russ) 21-18, 17-21, 21-14, 17-21, 21-15; A Suchankova (Cz Rep) bt A Simon (Rom) 21-19, 21-17, 21-19; K Toth (Hun) bt B Vriesekoop (Holl) 21-18, 21-14, 17-21, 21-16; C Batorfi (Hun) bt A Svensson (Swe) 21-19, 21-18, 21-16; F Abbate-Bulatova (It) bt O Kushch (Russ) 21-17, 22-20, 19-21, 21-13; O Nemes (Ger) bt P Freih (Slovenia) 21-17, 21-10, 20-22, 21-14; G Keen (Holl) bt E Ciosu (Rom) 21-18, 18-21, 12-21, 21-16, 23-21; Wang-Drechou Xiaoming (Fr) bt E Kovtun (Ukr) 24-22, 21-18, 21-18; V Popova (Slovakia) bt A Melkinian (Armenia) 21-8, 21-16, 21-14; E Timina (Russ) bt T Boros (Cro) 21-12, 21-15, 21-10; N Struse (Ger) bt J Dobesova (Cz Rep) 21-8, 21-17, 21-14. Fourth round: Badescu bt Kostromina 21-12, 21-12, 21-12; Schopp bt Guergueltcheva 21-13, 21-16, 21-17; M Svensson bt Tu Dai-Yong 21-12, 21-16, 10-21, 21-23, 23-21; Toth bt Suchankova 21-17, 21-14, 21-13; Batorfi bt Abbate-Bulatova 21-14, 17-21, 21-16, 21-14; Keen bt Nemes 21-15, 22-24, 21-19, 21-11; Wang-Drechou bt Popova 21-16, 21-13, 21-15; Struse bt Timina, 15-21, 21-19, 21-13, 21-11. Quarter-finals: Struse bt Wang-Drechou Xiaoming 21-16, 21-14, 21-8; Schopp bt Badescu 21-12, 21-14, 21-16; Svensson bt Toth 21-12, 21-18, 21-15; Keen bt Batorfi 21-16, 11-21, 21-17, 21-14. Doubles: Quarter-finals: S Plaisant (Fr) and A Boileau (Fr) bt A Mikolajczak (Pol) and J Szatko-Novak (Pol) 21-14, 21-16; C Batorfi (Hun) and K Toth (Hun) bt N Struse (Ger) and C Fisher (Ger) 21-15, 18-21, 21-14; R Gargasauskaite (Lith) and J Prusiene (Lith) bt S Pollackova (Slovakia) and V Popova (Slovakia) 22-20, 21-19; E Timina (Russ) and I Palina (Russ) bt E Coubat and Wang-Drechou Xiaoming (Fr) 22-20, 18-21, 21-9. Mixed doubles: Semi-finals: C Creanga (Gr) and O Badescu (Rom) bt J Truska and V Popova (Slovakia) 21-17, 21-16; Z Primorac (Cro) and C Batorfi (Hun) bt L Blaszczyk (Pol) and E Bilen (Bel) 21-14, 14-21, 21-13.

MOTOR RALLYING

NAIROBI: Safari Rally: Leading final positions: 1, I Duncan (Ken) Toyota 20hr 49min; 2, K Shinozuka (Japan) Mitsubishi 25min behind; 3, D Auriol (Fr) Toyota 1hr 10min; 4, P Njiru (Ken) Subaru 2:41; 5, R Burns (GB) Subaru 2:51; 6, R Stohl (Austria) Audi 5:41.

SPEED SKATING

GUILDFORD, England: World short track championships: Men: 1,000m: 1, M Gagnon (Can) 1min 33.08sec; 2, F Blackburn (Can) 1:33.08; 3, D Campbell (Can) 1:33.13; 4, Chae Ji-Hoon (S Kor) 1:33.30; 5, M Johansson (Swe) 1:34.77. 3,000m: 1, D Fagone (It) 5:55.58; 2, Chae 5:55.58; 3, Gagnon 5:55.77; 4, Blackburn 5:55.83; 5, Kim Ki-Hoon (S Kor) 5:56.34; 6, Campbell 5:56.34; 7, M Vuillermin (It) 5:58.07. Final overall standings: 1, Gagnon 10; 2 equal, Blackburn and Chae 9; 4, Campbell 7; 5, Fagone 6; 6, Kim 2; 7, Vuillermin 1. 5,000m relay: 1, Japan (Y Akasaka, T Ishihara, S Terao, J Uematsu) 7:20.11; 2, Australia 7:22.57; 3, Canada 7:31.06; 4, South Korea 7:38.06. Women: 1,000m: 1, N Lambert (Can) 1:45.46; 2, Kim So-Hee (S Kor), 1:45.54; 3, Kim Ryang-Hee (S Kor) 1:45.56; 4, Yang Yang (China) 1:46.72; 5, Chun Lee-Kyung (S Kor) 1:47.12. 3,000m: 1, Lambert 5:23.21; 2, Kim Ryang-Hee 6:23.23; 3, Yang 6:24.46; 4, M Cancini (It) 6:24.56; 5, Su Xianhua (China) 6.27.36; 6, Kim So-Hee 6:54.65; 7, Chun 6:58.56. Final overall standings: 1, Lambert 16; 2, Kim So-Hee 8; 3, Kim Ryang-Hee 7; 4, Cancini 6; 5, Yang 5; 6 equal, Chun and Su 1; 3,000m relay: 1, Canada (Lambert, A Cutrone, S Daigle, I Charest) 4:30.89; 2, China 4:31.16, 3, South Korea 4:31.28; 4, Italy 4:38.19.

SPEEDWAY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: British quarter-final (at Swindon): 1, D Blackburn (Swindon) 14pts; 2, P Hurry (Arena Essex) 14 (after run-off); 3, A Rossiter (Poole) 12; 4, N Crabtree (Glasgow) 11, 5, (after run-off) K McKinner (Edinburgh) 9; 6, P Morris (Reading) 9; 7, P Dugard (Eastbourne) 9.

SQUASH

BOLZANO, Italy: European junior championships: Men: Semi-finals: P Hargrave (Eng) bt T Lincou (Fr) 3-0, A Toes (Eng) bt J Arcucci (Fr) 3-0. Final: Hargrave bt Toes 3-1 (9-7, 6-9, 9-1, 9-6). Women: Semi-finals: D Leeves (Eng) bt J Thacker (Eng) 3-0; S Brind (Eng) bt S Bartel (Ger) 3-0. Final: Leeves bt Brind 3-0 (9-3, 9-3, 9-4).
LINZ: Austrian Open men's tournament: Quarter-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt A Hands (Eng) 15-6, 15-9, 15-2; P Nicol (Scot) bt B Martin (Aus) 7-15, 13-15, 15-9, 15-9, 15-12. Semi-finals: R Eyles (Aus) bt Nicol 15-11, 15-10, 15-14; Jansher Khan bt R Martin (Aus) 15-4, 15-5, 15-10. Final: Jansher Khan bt Eyles 15-5, 10-15, 15-10, 15-11.

SWIMMING

EDINBURGH: Edinburgh International (Speedo British grand prix): Men: 100m freestyle: 1, P Khnykin (Ukr) 50.85sec; 2, M Fibbens (Barnet Copthall) 51.23; 3, M Foster (Barnet Copthall) 51.55. 400m freestyle: 1, A Akatiev (Russ) 3:59.18; 2, G Smith (Stockport Metro) 3:59.84; 3, I Wilson (City of Leeds) 4:00.37. 200m backstroke: 1, A Ruckwood (City of Birmingham) 2:01.13 (British record), 2, M Harris (Waltham Forest) 2:02.89; 3, F Wenk (Hamburg) 2:04.99. 100m breaststroke: 1, A Djaburia (Ukr) 1:03.52; 2, N Gillingham (City of Birmingham) 1:03.94; 3, I Swift (City of Bradford) 1:05.54. 100m butterfly: 1, P Khnykin (Ukr) 54.58; 2, A Vaskin (Russ) 55.23; 3, K Crosby (Warrington Warriors) 56.24. Women: 100m freestyle: 1, C Poli (Costa Rica) 56.79; 2, L Dobrescu (Rom) 56.93; 3, K Pickering (Ipswich) 57.88. 400m freestyle: 1, Poll, 4:15.35; 2, V Horner (Derwentside) 4:18.73; 3, C Guerts (Holl) 4.21.17. 50m backstroke: 1, S Voelker (Ger) 29.14; 2, N van de Woerd (Holl) 30.35, 3, K Osher (Barnet Copthall) 30.51. 100m breaststroke: 1, S Bondarenko (Ukr) 1:12.02; 2, K Rake (Maxwell Chipping Norton) 1:13.54; 3, L Coombes (Ealing) 1:14.14. 200m medley: 1, H Slatter (Warrington warriors) 2.18.02, 2, O Venovko (Ukr) 2:22.25, 3, K Burke (Cumbria) 2.22.86.

TENNIS

ESTORIL: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: A Medvedev (Ukr) bt J Sanchez (Sp) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; C Costa (Sp) bt A Costa (Sp) 6-3, 4-6, 7-5. Final: Costa bt Medvedev 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.
HILTON HEAD, South Carolina: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: N Zvereva (Belo) bt M Pierce (Fr) 0-6, 6-3, 6-2; C Martinez (Sp) bt I Majoli (Cro) 6-3, 6-7, 6-4
HOUSTON: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: J Connors (US) bt B Borg (Swe) 7-6, 7-5, P Lundgren (Swe) bt T Martin (US) 6-4, 7-5; R Reneberg (US) bt M Wilander (Swe) 6-4, 6-7, 6-4. Semi-finals: Reneberg bt Lundgren 7-5, 6-3; M Larsson (Swe) bt Connors (US) 6-3, 6-2.
OSAKA, Japan: Salem Open men's tournament: Quarter-finals: A Agassi (US) bt D Wheaton (US) 7-6, 6-7, 6-3. Semi-finals: L Roux (Fr) bt H Holm (Swe) 6-2, 1-6, 6-3; P Sampras (US) bt Agassi 6-3, 6-1. Final: Sampras bt Roux 6-2, 6-2.
SUN CITY, South Africa: South African Open men's tournament: Semi-finals: H Dreekman (Ger) bt A Volkov (Russ) 7-6, 4-6, 7-5; M Zoecke (Ger) bt J Hlasek (Switz) 6-4, 6-4. Final: Zoecke beat Dreekman 6-4, 6-1
WIRRAL: Reebok Tour: Men: Semi-finals: N Baglin (Manchester) bt T Spinks (Devon) 6-2, 6-4; J Delgado (Berkshire) bt J Bailey (Middlesex) 7-5, 6-4. Final: Delgado beat Baglin 7-6, 3-6, 6-3. Women: Semi-finals: S Parkhonenko (Russ) bt K Hands (Hertfordshire) 6-2, 6-1; A Simpkin (Leicestershire) bt L Hal (Devon) 6-3, 6-4. Final: Simpkin bt Parkomenko 3-6, 6-1, 6-4
GUNNERSBURY: Reebok Junior Grand Prix: Finals: Boys: Under-16: A Palmer (Herts) bt D Stuk (Wilts) 3-6, 7-6, 7-6. Under-12: S Lockwood (Suffolk) bt M Ouvarov (Middsx) 6-0, 6-0. Girls: Under-16: C Sewell (Derby) bt J Walker (Dorset) 6-4, 6-2. Under-12: C Wallace (Devon) bt C Hamilton (Bucks) 7-6, 6-2.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated
* denotes all-ticket match

FA Carling Premiership
Aston Villa v Norwich
Everton v Blackburn
Ipswich v Coventry
Manchester United v Oldham
* Newcastle v Chelsea
QPR v Leeds
Sheffield United v Arsenal
Southampton v Manchester City
* Swindon v Sheffield Wednesday (8.0)
* Tottenham v West Ham
Wimbledon v Liverpool

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Barnsley v Notts County
Bolton v Portsmouth
Grimsby v Luton
Nottingham Forest v Bristol City
Oxford United v Wolverhampton
Stoke v Charlton
Tranmere v Middlesbrough (7.30)
* West Bromwich Albion v Birmingham

Second division
Bradford v Brentford
Bristol Rovers v Wrexham
Brighton v Barnet
Cardiff v Huddersfield
Fulham v Cambridge United
Fulham v Plymouth
Hartlepool v Hull
Leyton Orient v Port Vale
Stockport v Reading (7.30)
York v Blackpool

Third division
Chesterfield v Scunthorpe
Darlington v Scarborough
Lincoln v Carlisle
Rochdale v Doncaster
Shrewsbury v Chester
Torquay v Mansfield (7.30)
Walsall v Shrewsbury
Preston v Northampton
Wycombe v Wycombe

GM Vauxhall Conference
Dag and Red v Yeovil
Gateshead v Halifax
Kettering v Dover
Macclesfield v Stafford
Runcorn v Merthyr
Slough v Woking
Southport v Stalybridge
Telford v Altrincham
Welling v Bath
Witton v Northwich

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Chesham, Bromley v Dulwich; Dorking v Basingstoke; Enfield v St Albans; Harrow v Yeading; Hitchin v Stevenage Borough, Kingstonian v Molesey; Wivenhoe v Grays. First division: Barking v Leyton; Berkhamsted Town v Boreham Wood; Bishops Stortford v Heybridge Swifts; Chalfont St Peter v Abingdon Town; Croydon v Whyteleafe; Purfleet v Billericay Town, Ruislip Manor v Wembley; Tooting and Mitcham v Walton and Hersham; Worthing v Bognor Regis Town. Second division: Aveley v Rainham Town; Chertsey Town v Leatherhead, Hampton v Egham Town; Lewes v Banstead Athletic; Malden Vale v Metropolitan Police; Newbury Town v Hungerford Town; Thame Utd v Aldershot Town; Tilbury v Collier Row; Ware v Barton Rovers, Witham v Saffron Walden Town. Third division: Bracknell Town v Oxford City. Cove v Camberley Town; East Thurrock Utd v Clapton; Epsom and Ewell v Horsham; Flackwell Heath v Northwood; Harefield Utd v Southall; Hertford Town v Cheshunt; Royston Town v Harlow Town; Tring Town v Leighton Town.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Droylsden; Bridlington Town v Winsford; Chorley v Barrow; Colwyn Bay v Frickley; Gainsborough v Accrington Stanley; Hyde v Whitley Bay; Leek v Emley (7.30); Matlock v Buxton (7.30). Morecambe v Horwich. First division: Alfreton Town v Curzon Ashton; Ashton Utd v Warrington Town, Caernarfon Town v Gretna, Congleton Town v Mossley; Farsley Celtic v Goole Town; Harrogate Town v Guiseley, Netherfield v Radcliffe Borough; Spennymoor Utd v Eastwood Town, Workington v Great Harwood Town.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Corby Town, Bashley v Dorchester, Cambridge City v Nuneaton, Cheltenham v Gloucester, Crawley Town v Chelmsford, Gresley Rovers v Solihull; Hednesford v Burton (7.30); Moor Green v Halesowen, Sittingbourne v Hastings; Waterlooville v Farnborough; Worcester v Trowbridge. Midland division: Bedworth Utd v Sutton Coldfield Town; Bridgnorth Town v Dudley Town. Evesham Utd v Redditch Utd; Hinckley Town v RC Warwick; King's Lynn v Leicester Utd; Newport AFC v VS Rugby; Rushden and Diamonds v Grantham Town; Stourbridge v Bilston Town; Tamworth v Armagh; Weston-super-Mare v Forest Green Rovers; Yate Town v Clevedon Town. Southern division: Ashford Town v Canterbury City; Baldock Town v Bury Town; Buckingham Town v Wealdstone; Burnham v Gravesend and Northfleet; Dunstable v Witney Town; Erith and Belvedere v Fisher 93; Havant Town v Fareham Town; Margate v Tonbridge AFC; Newport IOW v Poole Town; Sudbury Town v Braintree Town, Weymouth v Salisbury City.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor v Ballymena; Cliftonville v Coleraine.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth v Briton Ferry; Afan Lido v Cwmbran; Connah's Quay v Flint Town Utd; Ebbw Vale v Ton Pentre, Haverfordwest v Llanelli; Holywell v Mold; Llansantffraid v Conwy; Newtown v Caersws; Porthmadog v Bangor.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Atherton LR v Nantwich Town; Bacup Borough v Darwen; Blackpool Rovers v Kidsgrove Athletic; Burscough v Bradford Park Avenue; Clitheroe v Eastwood Hanley; Flixton v Glossop North End; Penrith v Maine Road; Prescot v Bootle; Rossendale Utd v Skelmersdale Utd; Salford City v Chadderton; St Helens Town v Newcastle Town. Second division: Atherton Collieries v Cheadle Town; Formby v Hastingden; K Chell v Ashton Town; Maghull v Squires Gate; North Trafford v Nelson; Oldham Town v Westhoughton Town; Stantondale v Holker Old Boys.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
Bradford v Hull (1.30)
Featherstone v Wakefield (3.30)
Hull KR v Sheffield (3.15)
Leeds v Halifax (11.30)
Leigh v Salford
Oldham v Castleford
Widnes v St Helens
Wigan v Warrington

Second division
Barrow v Workington (3.15)
Batley v Bramley (3.15)
Doncaster v Huddersfield
Hunslet v Dewsbury (7.30)
Keighley v Ryedale York (3.15)
London Crusaders v Rochdale
Swinton v Highfield
Whitehaven v Carlisle

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: First division: Beverley v Mayfield (2.30)

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES (2.30): Abertillery v Newbridge; Broughton Park v Davenport; Crumlin v Cross Keys; Glamorgan Wanderers v Bristol (2.30); Newport v London Welsh; Plymouth v Torquay Athletic; Pontypool v Penarth; Rugby v Nuneaton; Stroud v Lydney; Swansea v Barbarians; Tylorstown v Treorchy; Vale of Lune v Kendal.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leicester v Birmingham, London v Cheshire; Oldham v Guildford; Sunderland v Thames Valley.

OTHER SPORT

HOCKEY: Women's European Cup Winners Cup (Cardiff).
MOTOR SPORT: British touring car championship (Thruxton).
ORIENTEERING: Jan Kjellstrom Trophy (Hereford).
SNOOKER: British Open (Plymouth).
SKIING: Scottish championships (Nevis Range, Fort William).
TABLE TENNIS: European championships (National Indoor Arena, Birmingham).

THE TIMES
SPORTS SERVICE

FOOTBALL
Scores from the Premiership
Call 0839 555 562
Scores from the Endsleigh and Scottish leagues
Call 0839 555 512

RACING
Commentary
Call 0891 500 123
Results
Call 0891 100 123

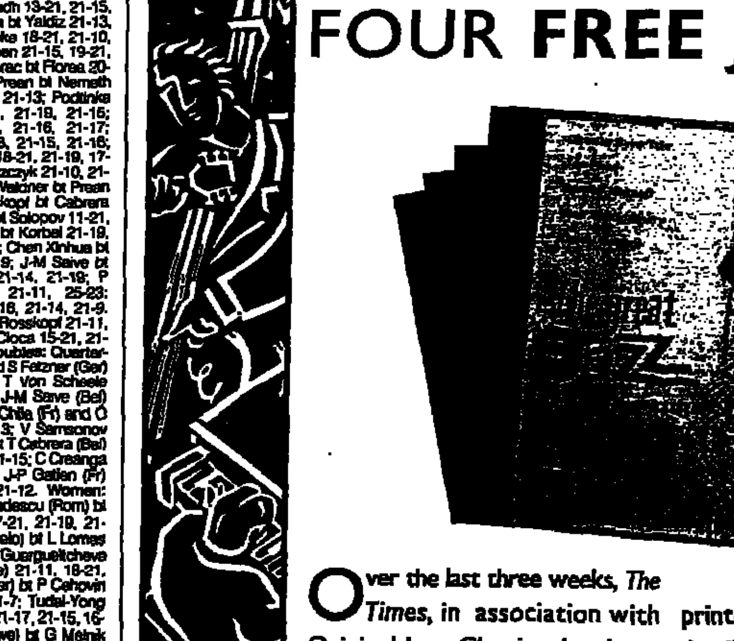
Calls cost 36p per min cheap rate, 48p per min at other times

THE TIMES
SNOW SERVICE

USA	0839 400 471
SWITZ	0839 400 472
AUSTRIA	0839 400 473
FRANCE	0839 400 474
ITALY	0839 400 475
OTHER EURO	0839 400 476

Calls cost 36p (cheap) 48p (other times) per minute

THE TIMES
FOUR FREE JAZZ CDs



Over the last three weeks, *The Times*, in association with Original Jazz Classics, has been offering readers the opportunity to collect free CDs of great jazz music. The four recordings cover four areas of jazz music – great jazz groups, saxophonists, pianists and guitarists – and form a jazz library anyone would be proud to own.

This week's free recording, The Great Jazz Guitars, features some of the greatest jazz guitarists of all time: Charlie Byrd Trio, Joe Pass, Barney Kessell, Wes Montgomery and Kenny Burrell.

HOW TO GET YOUR FREE JAZZ CD

To take advantage of this offer, simply collect two tokens from *The Times* (five will be printed from Monday, April 4 to Friday, April 8). When you have collected the two tokens, attach them to the coupon printed in *The Times* on Saturday, April 2. Complete the coupon and send it to the address below, with a cheque or postal order for £1.98, made payable to FREE MUSIC, to cover the cost of postage and packaging.

Send your application to: *The Times*, The Great Jazz Collection, PO Box 2002, Romford, Essex, RM3 2GQ. Allow 28 days for delivery.

If you missed the coupon in *The Times* last Saturday, backdated copies are available from: The Times Backdates Department, PO Box 479, 1 Virginia Street, London, E1 9XN (071 782 6137)

THE TIMES
GREAT JAZZ COLLECTION
TOKEN

Guineas hope Stonehatch is put down

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

STONEHATCH, one of the favourites for the Madagans 2,000 Guineas, is dead. Robert Sangster's colt had to be put down at the weekend after a hairline fracture sustained during a gallop developed into a serious injury.

Jane Chapple-Hyam, wife of the Manton trainer, Peter, said yesterday: "He suffered a hairline fracture in the pelvic region on Friday morning during a piece of work. Overnight, he must have rolled on the fracture which turned it into a proper crack."

A team of three vets and a professor from London, specialising in pelvic injuries, desperately tried to save the classic hope but were forced to put him down on Saturday afternoon.

"They did everything to try to save him. He was harnessed up to keep the weight off his feet. Our vet came back at 4am on Saturday, but in the end he was in so much pain he had to be put to sleep. He has been buried in the little cemetery here."

The demise of Stonehatch came only a week after Bude, the Henry Cecil-trained Derby hope, collapsed and died on the Newmarket gallops.

Stonehatch, winner last year of the Coventry Stakes and narrowly beaten in the Dewhurst Stakes, would have almost certainly made up into a top three-year-colt this season. In recent days he had been the best backed of Chapple-Hyam's classic crop.

The son of Storm Bird was looked after at Manton by Barry O'Dowd, whose brother, Rory, was Rodrigo De Triano's lad. Not surprisingly, he was inconsolable yesterday. "Stonehatch was Pete's favourite horse and this has made him more determined than ever to win the Guineas," Jane added.

The loss was hardly the ideal way for Chapple-Hyam to celebrate his 31st birthday on Saturday, but at least he had better news concerning his other classic hopefuls. Golden Nashwan, who missed the Bonusprint Easter Stakes at Kempton, worked "like a dream" at Manton on Saturday and is on target for the Craven Stakes at Newmarket on Thursday week.

Turtle Island, the Norfolk Stakes and Gimcrack Stakes winner, continues to please on the soft ground and tackles the Greenham Stakes at Newbury before going for the French 2,000 Guineas.

Those who travelled to Kempton on Saturday in search of classic clues had a wasted journey. The fully-exposed Ultimo Imperatore — Italian for Last Emperor — was giving weight to six rivals, headed by Concordial, the Roger Charlton-trained favourite, but saw them off without too much fuss.

A son of Cadeaux Genereux, the July Cup winner, the John Dunlop-trained runner stayed Kempton's sharp mile well enough but will bypass Newmarket in favour of the Italian 2,000 Guineas. Although jockeys have a largely deserved reputation for being poor tipsters, the post-race analysis of Willie Carson, rider of the winner, was surely spot-on. "If I was a punter, I would not back any of those for the 2,000 Guineas."

The same could be said of the Masaka Stakes, run an hour earlier, which was completed in a time two seconds slower than the colts' race. At least the outcome provides the possibility — 50-1 with William Hill — of a fairytale for the sponsors of the two Newmarket classics.

Lady Fairfax, who beat Threatening by a head, is owned by Bernard Gover, managing director of Madagans, which is pulling out all the stops to turn the Guineas meeting into a successful racing festival. The filly was bought for just 5,000 guineas by her trainer, Ron Boss, but is set to line up for the 1,000 Guineas.

With more heavy showers forecast for Aintree, Francois Doumen has warned that The Fellow will miss the National if the ground becomes heavy. Meanwhile, punters plunged on the soft-ground specialists, notably Master Oats, trained by Kim Bailey, who was cut to 10-1 by the big three bookmakers.

Young Hustler and Topsham Bay, who prefer faster going, have eased in the market.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DISKETTE
(4.15 Kempton Park)

Next best: Andromaque
(2.40 Kempton Park)



Ultimo Imperatore and Willie Carson comfortably hold the challenge of Concordial at Kempton Park

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

1.40 River Deep
2.10 Field Of Stars
2.40 PENNY DROPS (nap)
3.10 Zealous Kitten
3.40 Bold Lez
4.15 Swift Silver
4.45 Tamar's Brigade
5.15 Face The Future

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 MIDHISH.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 MIDHISH (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.40 STARK MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £3,407: 7f) (12 runners)

101	(11)	00/30-	GEBLITZT 357 (P Cook) J Long 10-9-10	D Wright (5)	50
102	(12)	0-	HOSTILE INVADER 142 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-10	A Clark	–
103	(6)	20/0-	L'AIGLE D'OR 374 (Group Captain H Tudor) R Flower 4-9-10	T Tuggle (7)	–
104	(2)	0-	ROSSINGTON 163 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-9-10	J Quinn	71
105	(4)	04-	SAMAH 151 (S Aitken) R Akehurst 4-9-10	R Street	–
106	(8)		SAXON KING (T Barker) M Usher 4-9-10	W Ryan	–
107	(9)		ACHARES (Gaudia Africa) J Dunlop 3-8-9	D Holland	–
108	(3)	00-	DOWSONG 186 (W Carter) R Akehurst 3-8-9	S Johnson	–
109	(5)	0-	EZEKIEL 216 (Mrs J Payne) J Payne 3-8-9	T Quinn	69
110	(1)	2320-	RIVER DEEP 171 (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-9	R Waterfield (7)	–
111	(7)	0	SWEET TRENTINO 11 (K Dack) M Channon 3-8-9	L Dettori	–
112	(10)	05-	TOP TYCOON 186 (Mrs A Valentine) R Hannon 3-8-9		–

BETTING: 5-4 River Deep, 3-1 Top Tycoon, 9-2 Sweet Trentino, 6-1 Samah, 10-1 Dowsong, 12-1 Achares, 16-1 Saxon King, 20-1 others.

1993: HILARY GERRARD 3-8-9 P Robinson (14-1) Mrs J Cecil 9 ran

2.10 STARK MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £3,407: 7f) (12 runners)

201	(1)	02/0-	FIELD OF STARS 370 (Mrs C Waters) J Gosden 4-9-10	R Cochrane	–
202	(7)	3-36060	VILLAGE GREEN 48 (V) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-10	W Ryan	69
203	(11)		ZERMATT (Claidex Grant) M Usher 4-9-10	D Harrison	–
204	(9)	43-	NEVER SURE 269 (S Crown) P Cole 4-9-5	T Quinn	87
205	(10)	5-	COLLIER ROW 153 (Sheikh Essa Bin Mubarak) R Akehurst 3-8-9	D Holland	93
206	(4)	00-	DEEPLY VALE 171 (K Higson) G L Moore 3-8-9	B Rouse	–
207	(12)	00-	FARNHAM 187 (R Hitchins) I Balding 3-8-9	M Hills	–
208	(6)	0-	MR DIAMOND 161 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-9	W R Swinburn	–
209	(2)	6-	NEVER SO BLUE 157 (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 3-8-9	L Dettori	87
210	(8)	03-	PERFECT BRAVE 147 (Oh So Brave Partnership) D Elsworth 3-8-9	R Hills	85
211	(5)		TRYST (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-8-9	Pat Eddery	–
212	(9)		YOUCANSTOPLOOKING (S Dow) S Dow 3-8-9	F Norton	–

BETTING: 3-1 Mr Diamond, Tryst, 7-2 Never So Blue, 6-1 Farnham, Perfect Brave, 8-1 Collier Row, Never Sure, 12-1 Deeply Vale, 14-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

2.40 MAGNOLIA STAKES C4
(Listed race: £10,566: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

301	(3)	316210-	CAPTAIN HORATIUS 141 (CD,F,G,S) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 5-9-5	W Ryan	98
302	(7)	452513-	PORT LUCAYA 141 (B,F,G,S) (Lucayan Stud) R Hannon 4-9-5	L Dettori	99
303	(1)	1261/6	METAL STORM 11 (G,S) (A Richards) C Brittain 6-9-2	R Cochrane	62
304	(6)	4/12300-	HIGHLAND DRESS 212 (D,F,S) M Stoute 5-8-11	W R Swinburn	93
305	(8)	6	KHAYRAPOUR 9 (D,F) (Miss J Semple) Mrs L Piggott 4-8-11	L Piggott	72
306	(9)	321211-	PENNY DROPS 162 (C,G,S) (S Sharp) Lord Huntingdon 5-8-11	D Harrison	90
307	(2)	430424-	REVERE 135 (S) (F Salman) P Cole 4-8-11	T Quinn	89
308	(5)	1/45536-	WOOTTON RIVERS 16 (D,S) (Miss P Vaglica) P Chapple-Hyam 4-8-11	M Hills	93
309	(4)	112612-	ANDROMAQUE 184 (C,G,S) (Dr C Stelling) R Charlton 4-8-9	Pat Eddery	96

BETTING: 3-1 Highland Dress, 7-2 Penny Drops, 4-1 Andromaque, 5-1 Port Lucaya, 7-1 Captain Horatius, 8-1 Wootton Rivers, 12-1 Revere, 16-1 Metal Storm, 25-1 Khayrapour

1993: CAPTAIN HORATIUS 4-9-6 J Reid (4-1) J Dunlop 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAPTAIN HORATIUS beat Anne Of Saxony 5l in 7-runner listed race at Doncaster (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start.
PORT LUCAYA 1¾l 3rd of 9 to Kotlebox in group I Premio Roma at Capannelle (1m 2f, heavy). Best effort neck 2nd of 4 to Muhtarram in listed race at York (1m 205yd, good to firm). PENNY DROPS completing double beat Inco Charmer 2l in 8-runner group III Premio Bagutta-Memorial S Camani at San Siro (1m, heavy). Earlier beat Talent 6l in 33-runner Cambridgeshire Handicap at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to soft). WOOTTON RIVERS best effort 9½l 3rd of 9 to Misil in group I Gran Premio del Jockey Club e Coppa d'Oro at San Siro (1m 4f, heavy). ANDROMAQUE neck 2nd of 7 to Talented in group II Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: ANDROMAQUE

3.10 HARCROS QUEEN'S PRIZE C4
(Handicap: £10,625: 2m) (15 runners)

401	(15)	6/16-	LORD NITROGEN 311 (S) (C Wates) M Bell 4-10-0	M Fenton (3)	88
402	(4)	01433-5	MISS PLUM 10 (BF,G,S) (Lucayan Stud) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-13	Pat Eddery	93
403	(2)	251123-	WARM SPELL 9J (G,S) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-9-10	B Rouse	99
404	(10)	112040-	BOLD RESOLUTION 170 (D,F,G,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 6-9-7	A Clark	92
405	(1)	2006/0-1	PARADISE NAVY 10 (S) (W Gredley) M Pipe 5-9-5	M Hills	94
406	(8)	130300-	CHAKALAK 170 (D,F,G) (P Chablo) S Dow 6-9-4	W Ryan	88
407	(5)	133315-	MONARDA 152 (C,D,F,G,S) (F Salman) P Cole 7-9-3	T Quinn	95
408	(13)	0026-60	AUDE LA BELLE 37 (CD,F,G) (Mrs V Rapkins) Mrs L Piggott 6-9-2	A McGlone	94
409	(6)	0041-2	SCARLET TUNIC 31 (C,G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-2	W R Swinburn	92
410	(9)	051-153	POINCIANA 10 (D,F,G) (B Lalemant) R Hannon 5-9-1	L Dettori	94
411	(14)	433556-	DOYCE 149 (G,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 5-8-13	R Cochrane	98
412	(12)	052342-	JONSALAN 158 (A Ward) T Mills 4-8-13	D Holland	98
413	(3)	693520-	RICH LIFE 16J (Mrs S Gay) C Weedon 4-8-2	J Quinn	–
414	(7)	64006-4	ZEALOUS KITTEN 9 (B,G,S) (M Oseman) B Price 6-8-1	T Sprake	95
415	(11)	/6356	LAABAS 42 (S) (J Nicholson) J Long 11-7-13	D Wright (5)	97

BETTING: 3-1 Paradise Navy, 13-2 Scarlet Tunic, 8-1 Aude La Belle, Miss Plum, Zealous Kitten, 10-1 Poinciana, Warm Spell, 12-1 Jonsalan, Monarda, 14-1 others.

1993: RODEO STAR 7-7-8 B Doyle (12-1) N Tinkler 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

WARM SPELL 3½l 2nd of 21 to Midyan Blue in handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start. PARADISE NAVY beat Alqairawaan 6l in 14-runner handicap at Doncaster (2m 2f, good) with POINCIANA (11lb better off) 11¼l 3rd and MISS PLUM (11lb better off) 14l 5th. MONARDA beat Encore Une Fois 1l in 6-runner handicap at Newbury (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start.
SCARLET TUNIC ¾l 2nd of 11 to Batabanoo in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f). Beat Riviere Actor 1¼l in 5-runner maiden (1m 6f 92yd, good) on final start last year. DOYCE 3½l 5th of 31 to Aahsaylad in Tote Cesarewitch handicap at Newmarket (2m 2f, good) on penultimate start. JONSALAN neck 2nd of 13 to Dreams End in handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good) with WARM SPELL (2lb better off) 2l 3rd and ZEALOUS KITTEN (8lb better off) 11l 7th.
Selection: PARADISE NAVY

3.40 QUAIL CONDITIONS STAKES C4
(£6,280: 6f) (6 runners)

501	(5)	530305-	BOLD LEZ 165 (CD,F,G,S) (Ansells of Watford) M Haynes 7-9-5	R Cochrane	81
502	(2)	303580-	SAINT EXPRESS 170 (D,F,G) (M St Quinton) M Channon 4-9-3	T Quinn	90
503	(1)	120233-	MIDHISH 200 (D,G) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 4-9-2	W R Swinburn	99
504	(3)	23143-0	SASEEDO 9 (G) (S Rustah) W O'Gorman 4-9-2	D Holland	84
505	(4)	554060-	DUPLICITY 158 (D,F,S) (B Keay) L Holt 6-9-0	A McGlone	88
506	(6)	501241-	BLUE BOMBER 158 (D,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 3-8-5	Pat Eddery	76

BETTING: 7-4 Midhish, 7-2 Saseedo, 4-1 Blue Bomber, 5-1 Duplicity, Saint Express, 7-1 Bold Lez.

1993: BOLD LEZ 6-9-3 R Cochrane (9-2) M Haynes 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD LEZ best effort beat Sabre Rattler 2l in 7-runner conditions race here (5f, good). Beat A Prayer For Wings 3l in this race last year (7 ran, soft). SAINT EXPRESS best effort 1¼l 3rd of 8 to Artistic Reef in conditions race at Leicester (5f, good to firm). MIDHISH 1¼l 3rd of 10 to Tropical in group III Phoenix Sprint at Leopardstown (6f, good) on penultimate start. SASEEDO best effort 3¼l 4th to Domanzi in conditions race at Newmarket (7f, good). DUPLICITY best effort neck 2nd to Bransiow Abby in handicap at York (6f, good to soft). BLUE BOMBER best effort 2l 2nd to Piccolo in conditions race at Doncaster (6f, good to soft).
Selection: MIDHISH (nap)

4.15 WESTMINSTER-MOTOR TAXI INSURANCE ROSEBERY HANDICAP C4
(£12,660: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

601	(9)	10/004-6	REPORTED 16 (F,S) (F Salisbury) M Haslop-Ellis 5-10-0	S Keightley	–
602	(3)	108034-	AMAZE 139J (S) (Lady Katharine Phillips) Lady Herries 5-9-11	W Ryan	91
603	(8)	50421-1	FOX SPARROW 9 (D,S) (Miss M Sheriffe) R Charlton 4-9-5	Pat Eddery	90
604	(7)	002600-	BLUE BLAZER 171 (G,S) (McHalapar Syndicate) B Hanbury 4-9-2	W R Swinburn	93
605	(10)	521440-	LA SPEZIA 30J (D,F) (D Sloan) M Blanshard 4-9-0	R Cochrane	91
606	(13)	306-113	TOP SHIEL 31 (D,BF,G) (Mrs E Burke) K Burke 6-8-8	D Holland	96
607	(1)	312132	BEVERLY KNIGHT 14 (D,G) (Miss K Grocott) D Murray Smith 4-8-8	C Rutter	97
608	(15)	6321-24	DISKETTE 10 (D,G,S) (M Oberstein) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-6	D Harrison	93
609	(14)	06000-0	DOUBLE FLUTTER 10 (D,F) (J Carey) M Channon 5-8-6	T Quinn	92
610	(11)	2000-52	PORT SUNLIGHT 7 (D,F,S) (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 6-8-6	L Dettori	96
611	(2)	700234-	PRESTON GUILD 150 (D,G,S) (Lady Matthews) R Williams 4-8-0	D Biggs	98
612	(5)	000000-	DOUBLE ECHO 165 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Lee) J Bethell 6-7-12	R Hills	99
613	(12)	54200-3	SAINT CIEL 9 (D,F,S) (Tara Racing) F Jordan 6-7-11	T Sprake	94
614	(4)	25-5411	WESTFIELD MOVES 20 (D,F,G) (A Waddey) H Collingridge 6-7-9	J Quinn	94
615	(6)	03300-3	SWIFT SILVER 10 (D,G,S) (Lord Rowallan) W Musson 7-7-8	S Lanigan (7)	95

BETTING: 7-2 Fox Sparrow, 7-1 Port Sunlight, 8-1 Beverly Knight, Diskette, 10-1 Top Shiel, Westfield Moves, 12-1 Blue Blazer, Preston Guild, Saint Ciel, Swift Silver, 14-1 others.

1993: LUCKY GUEST 6-9-4 L Piggott (7-1) J Dunlop 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMAZE 3½l 3rd of 10 to Cezanne in handicap at Pontefract (1m 2f, good). Earlier beat Cee-Jay-Ay 1l in 10-runner handicap at Haydock (1m 30yd, soft). FOX SPARROW beat Karachi 1¼l in 3-runner handicap at Warwick (1m 2f 169yd, soft) on reappearance. Beat Bunderburg 3l in 11-runner maiden at Newbury (1m 2f, good to soft) on final start last year.
TOP SHIEL 2½l 3rd of 11 to Batabanoo in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f). BEVERLY KNIGHT 4l 2nd of 8 to Brackenthwaite in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f).
PORT SUNLIGHT 3½l 2nd of 15 to Lowawatha in handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good to soft). WESTFIELD MOVES completing double beat Modest Hope short-head in 14-runner handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f).
Selection: FOX SPARROW

4.45 DURANTE RATED HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £6,196: 7f) (5 runners)

1	(3)	21104-	SERIOUS OPTION 153 (F,S) (Hon P Portman) P Cole 9-7	T Quinn	90
2	(2)	333231-	DANGER POINT 152 (G) (F Salman) R Hannon 9-3	Pat Eddery	91
3	(1)	011240-	ORANGE PLACE 171 (D,G,S) (Archer Van & Truck Hire Ltd) M Bell 9-2	M Hills	85
4	(5)	130410-	TAMAR'S BRIGADE 163 (D,G,S) (P Croden) M McCormack 9-2	A Clark	99
5	(4)	4-13	DIME TIME 9 (D,G) (C Watt) J Gosden 8-11	L Dettori	98

BETTING: 6-4 Dime Time, 3-1 Danger Point, 4-1 Serious Option, 9-2 Orange Place, 8-1 Tamar's Brigade.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.15 TEAL HANDICAP (£4,663: 6f) (12 runners)

1	(3)	20205-0	GONE SAVAGE 10 (F,G,S) (C Roberts) W Musson 6-9-12	Pat Eddery	98
2	(9)	133400-	ABSOLUTE MAGIC 172 (S) (Mrs B Bassett) W Haggas 4-9-11	M Hills	97
3	(10)	102400-	NO EXTRAS 139 (D,F,G,S) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-9-10	B Rouse	93
4	(7)	301200-	MACFARLANE 170 (G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 6-9-10	F Norton	95
5	(6)	53-3120	RUNNING GLIMPSE 10 (D,F,G) (Copyforce Ltd) Miss B Sanders 6-9-7	L Dettori	97
6	(1)	11000-2	MOON STRIKE 90 (D,F,G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 4-9-5	D Holland	98
7	(12)	422-054	DOMICKSKY 2 (D,F,G,S) (M Watson) M Channon 6-9-4	R Painter (7)	99
8	(8)	412504-	FACE NORTH 191 (D,F,G) (Normandy Developments) R Akehurst 6-9-2	T Quinn	97
9	(4)	140144-	EFRA 152 (CD,F,S) (Mrs P Jubert) R Hannon 5-9-2	S Raymont	98
10	(11)	234221-	FACE THE FUTURE 200 (D,S) (Miss P Harris) P Harris 5-9-0	W R Swinburn	93
11	(2)	001310-	PHARAOH'S DANCER 107 (D,G,S) M McCormack 7-8-7	D Gibbs (7)	92
12	(5)	00/0-	HIKITRIA 104 (J Blackshaw) Miss A Whitfield 4-7-7	R Street	–

Long handicap: Hikitria 6-1.

BETTING: 4-1 Moon Strike, 9-2 Domicksky, 6-1 Running Glimpse, 7-1 Face North, 8-1 Gone Savage, 10-1 Face The Future, 12-1 Efra, No Extras, 14-1 others.

1993: EFRA 4-8-5 S Raymont (16-1) R Hannon 10 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	10	51	19.6	Pat Eddery	39	192	20.3
M Haynes	7	37	18.9	L Piggott	6	36	16.7
M Stoute	11	67	16.4	D Holland	7	51	13.7
B Hanbury	7	43	16.3	W Ryan	7	55	12.7
J Gosden	14	89	15.7	W R Swinburn	16	144	11.1
Lord Huntingdon	9	62	14.5	T Quinn	15	142	10.6

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

2.00 Zamirah
2.30 Warner For Winners
3.00 Corrouge
3.30 Prince Ruben
4.00 Andermatt
4.30 Relkeel

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) SIS

2.00 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP HURDLE BBC1
(£7,888: 2m 4f 110yd) (9 runners)

1	084456	ZAMIRAH 19 (F,G,S) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-11	T Jenks (3)	93
2	110-325	GRENAGH 69 (C,S) (Mrs D Joyce) V Bishop 13-11-9	W Marston	95
3	162210	HAWAIIAN YOUTH 19 (G,G,S) (G Redford) R Rowe 6-10-12	A Maguire	96
4	210423	NOTABLE EXCEPTION 8 (BF,G,S) (Andrews & Wilson) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-8	S Mason (5)	91
5	FF2120	DAMIER BLANC 20 (B,D,S) (T Painting) M Pipe 5-10-6	J Lower	99
6	414350	SYLVIA BEACH 12 (CD,F,S) (G Greenwood) P Murphy 8-10-4	D Matthews (5)	96
7	31-F260	SCHWEPPES TONIC 16 (G,S) (A Phillips) D Burchell 8-10-2	D J Burchell	88
8	1P33-10	DESERT FORCE 18 (G,S) (T Pearson) R Waver 5-10-0	N Williamson	95
9	063400	MARIOLINO 21 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Fletcher) K Bishop 7-10-0	M Moran (7)	93

Long handicap: Desert Force 9-7, Mariolino 9-3.

BETTING: 2-1 Hawaiian Youth, 4-1 Damier Blanc, Notable Exception, 8-1 Grenagh, Sylvia Beach, Zamirah, 12-1 Desert Force, 16-1 Schweppes Tonic, 20-1 Mariolino.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ZAMIRAH 18½l 6th of 30 to Time For A Run in Coral Cup Handicap Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good to soft).
HAWAIIAN YOUTH beat Silpmatic a neck in a 16-runner novice hurdle at Sandown on penultimate start (2m 110yd, soft). NOTABLE EXCEPTION 8l 3rd of 7 to Who's Tef in a handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm). DAMIER BLANC 10l 2nd of 6 to Shannon Glen in a handicap hurdle at Plumpton on penultimate start (2m 4f, good to soft). SYLVIA BEACH 10l 9th of 18 to Captain My Captain in a handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, good). DESERT FORCE beat Court Circular ½l in a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Southwell (AW, 2m 6f, standard). MARIOLINO 4½l 7th of 14 to Khazari in a handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: HAWAIIAN YOUTH

2.30 M & N GROUP HANDICAP CHASE BBC1
(£7,156: 3m) (7 runners)

1	P5P-3PU	KEEP TALKING 24 (D,F,G) (Queen Elizabeth) T Thomson Jones 9-11-10	W Marston	89
2	2/11215	SHRADEN LEADER 16 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs D Thompson) K Bailey 9-11-4	N Williamson	93
3	3PP-64P	REPEAT THE DOSE 23 (C,F,G,S) (A Wates) T Etherington 9-11-2	T Jenks (3)	92
4	U114-44	SIDE OF HILL 35 (C,F,S) (M & N Plant Ltd) M Pipe 9-10-8	J Lower	94
5	14-0216	CATCHAPENNY 51 (B,D,G,S) (C Courage) M Wilkinson 9-10-5	P Ward (7)	97
6	1420P1	WARNER FOR WINNERS 28 (G,F,G,S) (Terry Warner Sports) P Hobbs 8-10-2	A Maguire	93
7	4-516P4	DIAMOND FORT 18 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Stocks) J McConnochie 9-10-2	D Fortt (5)	99

BETTING: Evens Shraden Leader, 4-1 Warner For Winners, 8-1 Catchapenny, Diamond Fort, 12-1 Keep Talking, Repeat The Dose, Side Of Hill.

1993: PLASTIC SPACEAGE 10-11-3 T Grantham (9-1) J Old 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHRADEN LEADER beat Wheat Fettle 3½l in a 10-runner handicap chase at Doncaster on penultimate start (3m 4f, good).
REPEAT THE DOSE 12½l 4th of 5 to Prince Yaza in a handicap chase at Wetherby on penultimate start (2m 4f 110yd, soft). CATCHAPENNY beat Arras Chilone 12l in a 10-runner conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Kempton on penultimate start (3m, good to soft), with REPEAT THE DOSE (17lb better off) tailed off 6th. WARNER FOR WINNERS dead-heated with the subsequently disqualified Captain Frisk in a 4-runner handicap chase at Windsor (3m 4f 110yd, soft). DIAMOND FORT 25½l 4th of 7 to Viva Bella in a handicap chase at Hexham (4m, heavy).
Selection: SHRADEN LEADER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Nicholson	15	39	38.5	A Maguire	10	54	18.5
M Pipe	66	238	27.7	D J Burchell	4	29	13.8
C Broad	4	21	19.0				
N Twiston-Davies	12	64	18.8				
D Burchell	4	29	13.8				
P Hobbs	11	81	13.6	Only qualifiers			

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ___ B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.00 M & N WELSH CHAMPION HURDLE BBC1
(£8,669: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

1	245302	ROYAL DERBI 39 (D,F,G,S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 9-12-0	W Marston	96
2	210-210	VALFINET 20 (D,G,S) (F Farrant) M Pipe 7-12-0	J Lower	98
3	F22132	CORROUGE 19 (D,G,S) (M Gates) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-6	T Jenks	98
4	01-6110	DANCING PADDY 18 (D,G,S) (Bychance Racing) K Cunningham-Brown 6-11-6	A Maguire	99
5	08/2-F	MERCHANT HOUSE 20 (Mrs A Naughton) R Waver 6-11-6	Mr G Hogan	50
6	15/00F-4	TIGER CLAW 181F (D,F,G) (Unity Farm Holiday Centre Ltd) R Hodges 8-11-6	DOUBTFUL	–
7	1315	KADASTROF 18 (D,S) (A Patel) R Dickin 4-11-4		80

BETTING: 2-1 Corrouge, 5-2 Valfinet, 5-1 Royal Derbi, 11-2 Kadastrof, 6-1 Dancing Paddy, 20-1 Merchant House.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

VALFINET 46l 10th to Flakey Dove in the 15-runner grade I Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good). Previously, beat ROYAL DERBI (3lb better off) 2½l in the 5-runner grade II Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton on penultimate start (2m, good to soft).
CORROUGE 2l 2nd of 23 to Danoli in the grade I Sun Alliance Novice Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good to soft). DANCING PADDY beat Majed 2½l in a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Newbury on penultimate start (2m 110yd, good).
TIGER CLAW 31l 4th of 6 to Mister Lawson in a handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, good to firm).
KADASTROF 10l 5th of 28 to Mysilv in the grade I Daily Express Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good).
Selection: CORROUGE

3.30 SOUTH WALES ARGUS MAIDEN CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,758: 2m 4f 110yd) (10 runners)

1	0603	PRINCE RUBEN 30 (Col R Shewright) T Forster 7-12-0	A Maguire	99
2	P6-P	OHCUMGACHE 82 (J Clark) M Pipe 6-11-5	D Fortt (5)	–
3		SOLUNDOUS (Mrs B Griffiths) T George 7-11-5	T Jenks (3)	–
4	560240	BORRETO 33 (C James) C James 10-10-13	Katharine Davis (7)	86
5	0/33-	THUNDER 528 (G Lucas) J Bradley 6-10-13	D Matthews (5)	–
6	P00	SAMJAMALIFRAN 16 (Mrs A Farrant) M Pipe 5-10-11	J Lower	–
7	50FP-00	KEMALS DELIGHT 82 (P Gormley) C Broad 7-10-8	Jacqui Oliver	–
8	P0F	ON THE BOOK 12 (J Frampton) Mrs S Williams 5-10-6	Mr G Hogan (7)	–
9	0	POLY VISION 16 (M Tate) M Tate 4-10-5	W Marston	–
10	0	BECKY BOO 10 (H Strickland) D Burchell 4-10-1	D J Burchell	–

BETTING: 5-2 Prince Ruben, 3-1 Borreto, 4-1 Thunder, 10-1 Ohcumgache, Samjamalifran, 16-1 Becky Boo, On The Book, Solundous, 20-1 others.

1993: HOW DOUDO 6-10-12 M McGonagle (5-1 fav) S Christian 17 ran

4.00 SPRING NOVICES CHASE (£2,804: 2m 3f 110yd) (4 runners)

1	200511	ANDERMATT 13 (S) (The Marston Sept) J Mackie 7-11-10	A Maguire	93
2	312318	COUNTRY LAD 20 (G,S) (S Douch) Mrs S Williams 8-11-10	D Fortt (5)	98
3	212321	NICKLE JOE 16 (CD,G,S) (Mrs E Tate) M Tate 8-11-10	W Marston	99
4	001522	AUVILLAR 23 (V,C,G,S) (Mrs J Snape) D Burchell 6-11-4	D J Burchell	66

BETTING: 5-4 Country Lad, 15-8 Andermatt, 9-4 Nickle Joe, 16-1 Auvillar.

1993: TANGLED STRING 9-11-4 N Williamson (9-2) C C Elsey 4 ran

4.30 CASTLE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,038: 2m 110yd) (5 runners)

1	311121	RELKEEL 23 (CD,S) (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 5-11-8	A Maguire	99
2	4	COLTRANE 123 (V) (D Lewis) M Pipe 6-11-3	J Lower	75
3	4	GOTT TO APPROACH 44 (Roach Foods Ltd) D Nicholson 6-11-3	Mr G Hogan (7)	–
4	00	MASTER HOPE 30 (The Dooley Partnership) D Nicholson 5-11-3	W Marston	–
5	032123	MARINER'S AIR 12 (D,BF,S) (Mrs P Badger) J Spearing 7-11-2	D Fortt (5)	80

BETTING: 1-2 Relkeel, 4-1 Gott To Approach, 5-1 Mariner's Air, 10-1 Master Hope, 12-1 Coltrane.

1993: WHEELER'S WONDER 4-10-3 Mr J L Llewellyn (7-2) B Llewellyn 3 ran

Doyce can land valuable prize

CHEPSTOW
BBC1

2.00: Hawaiian Youth ran particularly well behind Danoli at Cheltenham and will be well fancied, especially as Adrian Maguire rides. However, Mary Reveley's decision to send **Notable Exception** south can pay. A return to 2½ miles should suit and he goes well for his conditional jockey.

2.30: Warner For Winners, one of the few runners in form, has scope for improvement and can take this for Adrian Maguire. Shraden Leader disappointed last time and might not be so effective on this undulating course. Diamond Fort is well handicapped, and loves the mud, but may need further.

3.00: Dancing Paddy must have soft ground and with the front-running Valfinet sure to make this a true test Ken Cunningham-Brown's hurdler can make up for a disappointing run on fast going at Cheltenham. Corrouge ran a cracker at the festival behind Danoli but the return to two miles might not be in his favour.

KEMPTON
C4

2.40: Roger Charlton has his string well forward and **Andromaque** can oblige. A winner first time out last season, the Woodman filly likes soft ground and has scope for further improvement this season. Penny Drops, the runaway Cambridgeshire winner, rounded off last season with a group three win in Italy and can be fancied, along with Captain Horatius, last year's winner.

3.10: Doyce ran consistently well last season (second in the Ascot Stakes and fifth in the Cesarewitch) without winning. Now only 2lb higher than when successful first time out in 1992, he has as good a chance as any. Robert Williams's horses ran particularly well on Saturday. The handicapper has taken no chances with Paradise Navy, raising Martin Pipe's runner 11lb for his Doncaster win, and Warm Spell, fit from hurdling, makes more appeal now that he steps up in trip.

3.40: Midhish worked well with Mary Hinge on the Newmarket gallops last week and Ben Hanbury's lightly-raced runner stands head and shoulders above these on last year's form. Proven on soft ground, he is not well drawn but in this small field that should not be an insuperable disadvantage. Bold Lez, who invariably wins in the spring, looks best of the rest.

4.15: The soft-ground loving Fox Sparrow won a three-runner race as he liked nine days ago but the form could be misleading. I prefer **Diskette**, a winner on the soft, who ran a race full of promise over arguably too short a trip at Doncaster. Lord Huntingdon's handicapper looks just the sort to enjoy a profitable season. Beverly Knight, who has been running well on the all-weather, races off a 10lb lower mark now that he returns to turf, while Saint Ciel, who is fit from hurdling, is also well treated.

Richard Evans



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
A Maguire	159	129	83	3	-0.58
R Dunwoody	147	110	87	1	-52.19
J Osborne	90	67	47	0	-49.57
P Niven	74	60	37	12	-49.24
N Williamson	70	79	53	27	-126.84
G McCourt	58	48	37	0	-36.56
M A Fitzgerald	54	43	57	22	-108.24
D Murphy	52	49	46	0	-51.93
L Wyer	45	30	38	1	+60.42
D Bridgwater	41	28	32	3	-25.52

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Pipe	97	70	46	1	-38.06
Mrs M Reveley	81	69	45	15	-29.19
D Nicholson	73	55	35	8	+54.13
K Bailey	57	47	30	29	-41.37
N Twiston-Davies	52	43	44	4	-65.27
P Hobbs	49	38	35	6	+79.58
J White	48	33	29	1	-79.52
J Gifford	41	52	35	1	-50.16
M Hammond	38	40	25	8	-55.34
O Sherwood	36	23	25	4	-4.66

Ladbrokes RACING SERVICE
0891 222 + THE NO. YOU WANT!

LIVE			LIVE	
KEMPTON	101	201	FAKENHAM	209
NEWCASTLE	102	202	HEREFORD	210
WARWICK	103	203	HUNTINGDON	211
NOTTINGHAM	104	204	M. RASEN	212
CHEPSTOW	105	205	TOWCESTER	213
WETHERBY	106	206	UTTOXETER	214
WINCANTON		207	N. ABBOT	215
CARLISLE		208	PLUMPTON	216

Calls cost 39p/min cheap, 49p/min other times. Harrow, HA3 7JW

RAPID RACELINE
ALL BANK HOLIDAY MEETINGS COVERED
0891 168+ BEFORE THE OFF RESULTS COMMENTARY

KEMPTON	101	201	301
WARWICK	102	202	302
NEWCASTLE	103	203	303
NOTT'HAM	104	204	304
CHEPSTOW	105	205	305
WETHERBY	106	206	306
ACROSS THE CARD RESULTS +168			
IRISH	120	220	320
G'HOUNDS	122	222	422

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS 0891-168+
CARLISLE 207
FAKENHAM 208
HEREFORD 209
HUNTINGDON 210
MARKET RASEN 211
NEWTON ABBOT 212
PLUMPTON 213
TOWCESTER 214
UTTOXETER 215
WINCANTON 216
FULL RESULTS ACROSS THE CARD 0891-168-568

Calls charged at 39p/min cheap rate, 49p/min at all other times. IMS, 15 Mark Lane, Leeds LS1 8LB.

هكذا من الأهل

Belvederian to deny raiders in National

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

BALTIC Brown and Glenbrook D'Or represent Britain in the Jameson Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse today, a weak team compared with recent overseas winners which include Desert Orchid, Omerta and Rhyme 'N' Reason.

The home team is depleted by Flashing Steel missing the race because of the soft ground, and Deep Bramble, who was in contention in the Gold Cup until making a bad mistake four out, now heads the weights. Mark Dwyer takes over on Deep Bramble from Peter Niven, who is claimed to ride in England, and it would be no surprise to see this dour stayer thrive on the heavy going despite his burden.

With Flashing Steel out and Graham Bradley injured, Jamie Osborne has stepped in for the ride on Belvederian, for whom a solid case can be made. He finished fourth to Monsieur Le Cure in the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham, but is expected to learn from that experience. Adrian Maguire, who rode him at the festival, reported that Belvederian had been looking around at the fillers and not concentrating on his job until it was too late. Belvederian finished strongly and his trainer, "Mouse" Morris, expects significant improvement.

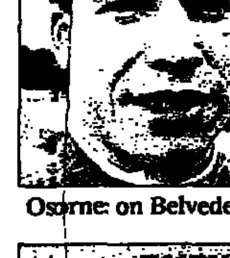
Ideally, Osborne would have been helped by a greater knowledge of Belvederian and the novice could also find life becoming difficult if the ground is too tacky. Even given those reservations, he appeals as a value bet.

That is unlikely to be the case with High Peak, although it is easy to see why he is fancied. He represents the formidable team of J P McManus, Edward O'Grady and Charlie Swan, and has been specifically aimed at this race. The ten-year-old has had only three runs since returning from leg problems and is fresh, improving and will appreciate the soft ground. His chance is obvious.

With the widely-touted Will Phone an absentee because of shoulder problems, her intended jockey, Trevor Horgan, takes the ride on Callmecha. The nine-year-old, well fancied by connections, will stay all day but is a tricky ride who needs to be held up for a late challenge.

Last year's winner, Ebony Jane, was pencilled in to run at Aintree but her proposed sale fell through. Trainer Francis Flood has quickly switched her for an attempt to win this for the second successive year and her experience is likely to make her a more formidable opponent than many believe.

However, Belvederian can give Osborne a memorable first visit to Fairyhouse although, in the face of a strong home defence, Glenbrook D'Or and the improving Baltic Brown will do well to be placed.



Osborne: on Belvederian

FAIRYHOUSE LINE-UP

GOING: HEAVY — TV: BBC1, C4

3.5 JAMESON IRISH GRAND NATIONAL CHASE
(Grade handicap: Ir£58,200: 3m 5f) (20 runners)

1 0-112F4 FLASHING STEEL 18 (G,S) (C Haughey) J Mulhern 9-12-0 ...... DOUBTFUL
2 118120 DEEP BRAMBLE 16 (G,S) (J Mernagh) M Hourigan 7-11-13 ...... M Dwyer
3 612142 BUCKBOARD BOUNCE 18 (G,S) (J Mulhern) J Mulhern 8-11-3 ...... J Short
4 14-584U EBONY JANE 18 (G,S) (J Lynch) F Flood 9-11-1 ...... T Horgan
5 F125P3 COMMERCIAL ARTIST 18 (G,S) (M O'Neill) V Bowens 8-10-12 ...... C N Bowens
6 02-P0P5 RUST NEVER SLEEPS 16 (G,S) (D Murphy) T Carberry 10-10-12 ...... P Carberry
7 2-31033 SON OF WAR 43 (G,S) (Mrs V O'Brien) P McCreery 7-10-10 ...... F Woods
8 3112F4 BELVEDERIAN 19 (G,S) (A O'Reilly) M Morris 7-10-8 ...... J Osborne
9 F0P-0P1 RIVER TARQUIN 16 (B,G,S) (Robinstown Racing) J Dreaper 10-10-8 (1ex) ...... K F O'Brien
10 132/5F1 HIGH PEAK 71 (G,S) (J McManus) E O'Grady 10-10-7 ...... C F Swan
11 2-32121 ALL THE ACES 29 (G,S) (J McManus) A Moore 7-10-0 ...... C O'Dwyer
12 321111 BALTIC BROWN 23 (G,S) (Mrs S J Smith) Mrs S Smith (GB) 9-10-0 (4ex) ...... R Guest
13 02-1213 CALLMECHA 16 (B,G,S) (T O'Sullivan) A Leahy 9-10-0 ...... S R Murphy
14 FP34P3 CAPTAIN BRANDY 18 (G,S) (M Cooney) F Flood 9-10-0 ...... F J Flood
15 P-02U21 GLENBROOK D'OR 16 (G,S) (T Leadbeater) A J Wilson (GB) 10-10-0 (2ex) ...... B M Clifford
16 02/113-1 JASSU 37 (G) (B Buser) J Kiely 8-10-0 ...... C O'Brien
17 0004-03 MASS APPEAL 16 (G,S) (W Mooney) P Kiely 9-10-0 ...... B Sheridan
18 F-40012 MERAPI 29 (G,S) (Miss M Hanlon) R Coonan 8-10-0 ...... A Powell
19 21F412 NUAFFE 43 (G,S) (J Doyle) P Fahy 9-10-0 ...... S H O'Donovan
20 F11F31 WILL PHONE 18 (G,S) (Miss G Maher) M O Brien 8-10-0 (7ex) ...... DOUBTFUL

BETTING: 11-4 High Peak, 3-1 Belvederian, Ebony Jane, 9-1 Deep Bramble, 12-1 Son Of War, 14-1 All The Aces, Callmecha, Nuaffe, Buckboard Bounce, Glenbrook D'Or, 16-1 Jassu, Commercial Artist, 20-1 others.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Kempton Park

Going: soft (straight course), good to soft (round)

1.45 (5f) 1, Statom (T Quinn, 5-2 fav); 2, Outstayed Welcome (9-1); 3, Vocal Command (12-1). 9 ran. 5l, 1½l. M Channon. Tote £2.80; £1.30, £2.20, £2.80. DF £27.20. CSF £23.29.

2.15 (1m) 1, Kerrie-Jo (J Reid, 14-1); 2, Astral Weeks (7-2 fav); 3, Three In One (6-1); 4, Sharp Tycoon (25-1). 17 ran. Sh hd, 6l. Haynes. Tote £17.60; £1.90, £1.30, £2.10, £6.70. DF £26.70. Trio £83.80. CSF £56.28. Tricast £304.44.

2.45 (1m 2f) 1, Thabit (W Carson, 100-30, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, El Saladoor (25-1); 3, Tweet Tweet (20-1). Zawab 2 fav. 15 ran. 8l, ½l. P Walwyn. Tote £3.60; £1.90, £6.70, £8.90. DF £50.50. CSF £80.65.

3.15 (1m) 1, Lady Fairfax (Pat Eddery, 10-1); 2, Threatening (16-1); 3, Crazy For You (7-2). Tau'Mu 2 fav. 12 ran. Hd, 3½l. R ... Tote £12.50; £3.10, £5.10, £1.90. DF £7.00. Trio £207.20. CSF £142.07.

3.45 (6f) 1, Dollar Gamble (Pat Eddery, 8-1); 2, Teetotaller (9-2); 3, Prima Silk (14-1). ...ng Rat 11-4 fav. 12 ran. Nk, 9l. R Hannon. Tote £9.20; £2.60, £1.40, £6.00. DF £15.00. Trio £191.60. CSF £41.14. Tricast £157.21.

4.15 (1m) 1, Ultimo Imperatore (W Carson, 4-1); 2, Concordial (Evens fav); 3, ...egrass Prince (9-1). 7 ran. 2l, 2l. J ...; Tote £11.60; £3.50, £1.40. DF £1.60. CSF £20.19.

4.45 (1m 4f) 1, Blackpatch Hill (W Carson, 4-2); 2, George Dillingham (6-1); 3, ...ataack (11-2). Supreme Master 5-2 fav. 8 ran. Hd, hd. J Dunlop. Tote £7.20; £1.80, £1.80, £1.60. DF £14.90. CSF £39.37. Tricast £208.26.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £9,094.16 carried forward to Kempton Park today). Placepot: £329.40.

Haydock Park

...30 1, Bold Street (12-1); 2, The Old Chapel (16-1); 3, Garnock Valley (9-2 jt-fav). Spebruch Roller 9-2 jt-fav. 10 ran.

...0 1, Rakey Dove (13-8 jt-fav); 2, Star Fyer (7-1); 3, Jack Button (13-8 jt-fav). 4 ran.

...20 1, Great Deeds (5-2 fav); 2, Bid For Ec (11-4); 3, Palacegate Jack (100-30). 5 ran.

...30 1, Brandon Court (11-4); 2, Ragsat Al Cor (3-1); 3, Winn's Pride (9-1). Surprise Cast 9-4 fav. 5 ran.

...30 1, Pen Point (21-20 fav); 2, Macly Sirp (9-4); 3, Buddie'om (9-1). 6 ran.

...40 1, Springborne Lad (11-4); 2, Genwich Again (7-1); 3, Benarong (2-1 fav). 7 ran. NR: Swan At Whalley.

Carlisle

2.5 1, Kenmore-Speed (11-4); 2, Lochnagrain (6-4 fav); 3, Parlebiz (9-2). 15 ran. NR: Call Kentons.

2.3 1, Barsal (4-1); 2, Rythmic Rymer (8-1); ...inan (100-30 fav). 12 ran.

3.5 1, Precipice Run (3-1); 2, River Pearl (7 fav); 3, Hudson Bay Trader (7-1). 16 ran.

3.5 1, Sensool (20-1); 2, Celtic Breeze (16-1); 3, Logical Fun (9-1); 4, Lion Of Vienna (13). Carson City 3-1 fav. 21 ran.

4.1 1, Kambalda Rambler (7-1); 2, Military Hour (4-1); 3, Funny Old Game (16-1). Power Action 3-1 fav. 9 ran.

4.21, Troy Boy (20-1); 2, Caithness Cloud (11 fav); 3, Volunteer Point (9-4). 9 ran.

Newton Abbot

2.15 1, Aldahe (5-1); 2, Whyfor (10-1); 3, Roxton Hill (1-3 fav). 4 ran.

2.45 1, Boogie Bopper (5-1); 2, Suasanan Siosana (13-2); 3, Boreen Jean (13-2). Punchbag 4-1 fav. 13 ran.

3.15 1, Catch The Cross (5-2); 2, Rufus (5-2); 3, Trusty Friend (33-1). Betty Hayes 6-4 fav. 5 ran.

3.45 1, Tumbled Bride (7-1); 2, Spirit Level (14-1); 3, Ferny Ball (14-1). Polar Hat 5-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Pioneer Pete.

4.15 1, Al Hashimi (3-1); 2, Bold Choice (7-4 fav); 3, Setter Country (2-1). 4 ran. NR: Northern Jinks.

4.45 1, Charcoal Burner (7-1); 2, Caribbean Prince (6-4 fav); 3, Cheerful Times (11-4). 4 ran. NR: Comn Hill.

Plumpton

2.30 1, Lady Ghislaine (5-4 fav); 2, Nather (12-1); 3, Congregation (2-1). 7 ran.

3.00 1, Kalamoss (7-4); 2, Al Forum (11-8 fav); 3, Do Be Ware (16-1). 6 ran.

3.30 1, Mr Matt (10-11 fav); 2, Gallant Effort (3-1); 3, Howaryadoon (9-1). 5 ran.

4.00 1, Redeemyourself (4-5 fav); 2, Esprit De Femme (9-1); 3, Googly (5-4). 5 ran.

4.30 1, Thamesdown Tootsie (11-2); 2, Ginger Tristan (11-8 fav); 3, Faans (33-1). 6 ran.

5.00 1, Royal Flamingo (20-1); 2, August Twelfth (5-1); 3, Gameful Gold (4-1 fav). 10 ran.

Towcester

2.20 1, River Mandate (5-4 fav); 2, Canaver (11-2); 3, Hawaik (2-1). 8 ran. NR: Dont Tell The Wife.

2.50 1, Invasion (3-1); 2, Postman's Path (13-8 fav). 5 ran.

3.20 1, Strath Royal (3-1 jt-fav); 2, Miss Marigold (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Taylors Prince (7-2). 8 ran. NR: No Sir Rom.

3.50 1, Sartorius (11-4 fav); 2, Boston Rover (4-1); 3, General Merchant (9-1). 7 ran.

4.20 1, Teeplanter (4-11 fav); 2, Blakes Orphan (50-1); 3, Nick The Brief (4-1). 6 ran.

4.50 1, Giordano (5-2); 2, Erckule (6-4 fav); 3, Romalito (14-1). 7 ran.

Uttoxeter

2.25 1, Test Match (8-1); 2, Go Ballistic (1-2 fav); 3, Billygoat Gruff (4-1). 12 ran.

2.55 1, Brabazon (2-1); 2, Celtic Barle (5-4 fav); 3, Urizen (14-1). 6 ran.

3.25 1, Eastern Pleasure (13-2); 2, Primo Figlio (7-1); 3, Rusty Music (33-1). Marine Society 100-30 fav. 13 ran.

3.55 1, Lumberjack (7-4); 2, Fast Cruise (7-1); 3, Radical Request (8-1). Saraville 11-10 fav. 4 ran.

4.25 1, Moriarty (6-1); 2, Marros Mill (15-8 fav); 3, Allegation (9-4). 7 ran. NR: Moynsha House.

4.55 1, Sun Surfer (5-2); 2, Southfast (7-4 jt-fav); 3, Whippers Delight (7-4 jt-fav). 4 ran. NR: Archie Brown.

Wolverhampton

7.00 1, Well And Truly (6-1); 2, Rimouski (7-1); 3, Swordking (20-1). Warren Street 5-2 fav. 13 ran.

7.30 1, Very Dicey (6-5 fav); 2, Samson-Agonistes (9-2); 3, Nordico Princess (4-1). 4 ran.

8.00 1, Jon's Choice (8-1); 2, Simmie's Special (4-1); 3, Farmer Jock (7-1). Lady Roxanne 9-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Samot.

8.30 1, Ivan The Terrible (25-1); 2, Can Can Charlie (2-1 fav); 3, Master Seveled (13-1). 13 ran.

9.00 1, Out Of Favour (11-4); 2, Green Night Out (2-1 fav); 3, Anotheronefortaybe (9-4). 7 ran.

9.30 1, Hit The Canvas (1-2 fav); 2, Bem-Ddu (3-1); 3, Risky Tu (6-1). 6 ran.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER
2.20 Wizard King. 2.50 Culsyth Lady. 3.20 Celtic Ceilidh. 3.50 Farndale. 4.20 Khamaseen. 4.50 Broughton's Tango.

GOING: SOFT — SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 EASTER MONDAY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,261: 1m 54yd) (15 runners)

1 615- JUST FLAMENCO 160 (S) M Ryan 9-7 ...... M Tebbutt 6
2 21-4 CHILLY LAD 63 (D,G) M Ryan 9-5 ...... P McCabe (5) 9
3 30-0 FRED'S DELIGHT 11 M Heaton-Ellis 9-4 ...... Stephen Davies (3) 2
4 130- MR ROUGH 180 (D,F) D Morris 9-2 ...... C Hodgson (3) 1
5 012- WIZARD KING 181 (S) M Prescott 8-13 ...... M Birch 11
6 100- THE HAPPY LOON 172 (S) Denys Smith 8-11 ...... W Carson 12
7 000- NOT THE NADGER 252 M Fetherston-Godley 8-8 ...... J Williams 10
8 45-6 WEEDWOOD CUBE 30 S Preece 8-5 ...... S Perks 7
9 003- TULU 124 Mrs J Ramsden 9-8 ...... K Fallon 4
10 300- MISS RISKY 181 S Bowring 8-7 ...... S D Williams 14
11 -414 LIVELY 9 (B,BF,G) G Lewis 8-3 ...... B Russell (5) 5
12 500- YENGEMA 133 R Spicer 8-3 ...... J Fanning 15
13 0-30 STORM HEIGHTS 31 M Brittain 7-12 ...... A Mackay 13
14 00-0 ANOTHER GOVERNOR 38 C Tinkler 7-7 ...... L Charnock 3
15 450- HILL FARM DANCER 250 W Brisbourne 7-7 ...... M Baird (7) 8

4-1 Lively, 9-2 Tulu, 5-1 Wizard King, 7-1 Fred's Delight, 8-1 Mr Rough, Storm Heights, 10-1 others.

2.50 EASTER EGG CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,243: 5f 13yd) (4)

1 4 POLY LANE 8 M Channon 8-5 ...... W Carson 1
2 CULSYTH LADY J Berry 8-5 ...... S D Williams 3
3 CIVIL R Hannon 8-1 ...... D O'Neill (7) 2
4 0 PEARL FOX 9 Mrs N Macauley 8-1 ...... J Fanning 4

6-4 Civil, 7-4 Culsyth Lady, 2-1 Poly Lane, 10-1 Pearl Fox.

3.20 ROBIN HOOD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,821: 5f 13yd) (8)

1 0 GALWAY BLAZER 7 R Wilson 9-0 ...... W Carson 8
2 0-63 HALLIARD 9 T Jones 9-0 ...... R Perham 4
3 44-5 KING RAMBO 4 R Hollinshead 9-0 ...... S Perks 5
4 REVERAND THICKNESS S Williams 9-0 ...... K Fallon 1
5 42-4 ROVING MINSTREL 85 (BF) B McMahon 9-0 ...... M Tebbutt 7
6 SOUTH FOREST S Bowring 9-0 ...... G Strange (7) 3
7 35- CELTIC CEILIDH 238 J Wharton 8-9 ...... J Williams 2
8 4-36 THREE OF HEARTS 35 Mrs N Macauley 8-9 ...... M Humphries (7) 6

7-4 Roving Minstrel, 9-2 Celtic Ceilidh, 5-1 Halliard, King Rambo, 6-1 Three Of Hearts, 10-1 Galway Blazer, 33-1 Reverand Thickness, South Forest.

3.50 FAMILY DAY OUT HANDICAP
(£3,287: 6f 15yd) (14)

1 552- CALAMANCO 133 (C,S) A Smith 4-9-12 ...... M Birch 6
2 349- HIGHBORN 132 (D,G) P Felgate 5-9-8 ...... P McCabe (5) 8
3 310- MELODIC DRIVE 164 (D,S) P Felgate 4-9-4 ...... K Fallon 3
4 452- HARRY'S COMING 234 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 10-9-4 ...... S Drowne (5) 14
5 -552 FIRST GOLD 38 (D,F,S) J Wharton 5-9-3 ...... J Williams 2
6 1/50- BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY 369 (D,G) S Bowring 4-8-10 ...... S D Williams 1
7 60-4 ULLAH DARAK 80 (F) A Jones 6-8-10 ...... N Kennedy (3) 10
8 030- BOLD ARISTOCRAT 158 (G) R Hollinshead 3-8-8 ...... S Perks 12
9 000- SYLVANIA 160 Miss G Kelleway 4-8-5 ...... Stephen Davies (3) 4
10 0006 JOROYWRATH 9 (D,G) D Chapman 4-8-3 ...... S Wood 5
11 00-3 TOMASHENKO 8 T Donnelly 5-7-12 ...... J Fanning 7
12 1403 FARNDALE 12 (D,G) J Berry 7-7-12 ...... L Charnock 9
13 1-00 SHOTLEY AGAIN 31 (S) N Bycroft 4-7-10 ...... N Varley (7) 13
14 0/00 TRIPLE TROUBLE 27 H Collingridge 5-7-7 ...... M Baird (7) 11

4-1 Farndale, 9-2 First Gold, Tomashenko, 6-1 Bold Aristocrat, Calamanco, 8-1 Harry's Coming, 10-1 others.

4.20 EASTER BONNET CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £5,360: 1m 1f 213yd) (2)

1 521- TRANS SIBERIA 132 (G) S Woods 9-0 ...... M Tebbutt 1
2 324- KHAMASEEN 163 J Dunlop 8-10 ...... W Carson 2

1-4 Khamaseen, 3-1 Trans Siberia.

4.50 EASTER BUNNY HANDICAP
(£3,080: 1m 6f 15yd) (10)

1 03-0 BROUGHTON'S TANGO 20J (G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-10 ...... Stephen Davies (3) 7
2 -210 BLOWEDIFIKNOW 45 (V,G) J Wharton 4-9-0 ...... J Williams 6
3 610- SINCLAIR LAD 287 (B,F,G,S) R Hodges 6-8-12 ...... S Drowne (5) 4
4 0-32 FLYAWAY 9 (G) R Emery 9-8-7 ...... T Williams 1
5 43-6 JAMES IS SPECIAL 9 (D,G) H Collingridge 6-8-5 ...... K Fallon 3
6 00-0 BARCHAM 17J (F) D Wilson 7-7-12 ...... W Carson 5
7 000- BOLD AMBITION 93J (D,F,G) T Kersey 7-7-12 ...... N Kennedy (3) 2
8 00-0 SCHOOLGIRL CRUSH 73 Mrs S Williams 4-7-10 ...... L Charnock 10
9 43/5 MAC RAMBLER 5 N Bycroft 7-7-7 ...... J Fanning 9
10 40-0 MAYDAY CALLING 12 R Spicer 4-7-7 ...... S Wood 8

7-2 Broughton's Tango, 5-1 Blowedifiknow, Flyaway, 8-1 Sinclair Lad, 10-1 James Is Special, 12-1 Barcham, Mac Rambler, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 7 winners from 35 runners, 20.0%; J Dunlop, 17 from 90, 18.9%; C Tinkler, 6 from 42, 14.3%; M Ryan, 6 from 42, 14.3%; G Lewis, 6 from 43, 14.0%; R Hannon, 12 from 96, 12.5%.
JOCKEYS: W Carson, 33 winners from 161 rides, 20.5%. Only qualifier.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Newcastle: 4.55 Thatched. Nottingham: 4.50 Blowedifiknow. Warwick: 3.35 Memorable.

CARLISLE

THUNDERER
2.20 Double Standards. 2.50 Tartan Tradewinds. 3.20 White Diamond. 3.50 Carousel Rocket. 4.20 Master Of Troy. 4.50 Sharp Opinion. 5.20 Luciman. 5.50 Ballyallia Castle.
Brian Beel: 4.50 Sharp Opinion.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES ON CHASE COURSE)

2.20 BORDER COUNTIES HUNT CHALLENGE CUP
(Maiden hurdle: amateurs: £1,884: 2m 1f) (16 runners)

1 PUP0 AYIA NAPA 60 Mrs S Bradburne 7-12-0 ...... M Bradburne (7)
2 403 DOUBLE STANDARDS 23 C Parker 6-12-0 ...... D Parker (5)
3 0404 EMERALD SEA 12 J Barclay 7-12-0 ...... A Parker (7)
4 0505 LONDON HILL 12 Mrs D Thomson 6-12-0 ...... J M Dun (5)
5 2P-P5 PAKENHAM 60 G Richards 8-12-0 ...... R Hale (5)
6 0P PICKTHEMONEYUPALF 20 B Johnson 7-12-0 ...... P Johnson (5)
7 P6F RHYMING THOMAS 14 J Adam 6-12-0 ...... C Storey (7)
8 0060 SCARABEN 20 S Kettlewell 6-12-0 ...... R Bevis (7)
9 BOODRE 23P F Jestin 6-11-9 ...... Miss Sue Nichol (7)
10 0P6 HECKLEY SPARK 68 F Walton 6-11-9 ...... J Walton
11 00 HUTCEL BRIG 58 M W Easterby 5-11-9 ...... S Swiers
12 0P-6 PREAMBLE 24 S Chadwick 5-11-9 ...... Miss J Thurlow (5)
13 4-60 SEA PET 14 J Birkett 5-11-9 ...... S Johnson (7)
14 6P TOLL BOOTH 114 J Hope 5-11-9 ...... Mrs J Speight (7)
15 0 HOD-MOD 60 Miss Z Green 4-11-7 ...... T Morrison (7)
16 PS RED RONNIE 26 Mrs E Slack 4-11-2 ...... Mrs M Kendall (7)

3-1 Double Standards, 4-1 Pakenham, 9-2 Emerald Sea, 7-1 Rhyming Thomas, 8-1 Hutcel Brig, Scaraben, 12-1 London Hill, 16-1 others.

2.50 STUDHOLME DICKSON NOVICES CHASE
(£2,429: 3m) (8)

1 F132 TARTAN TRADEWINDS 9 (C,BF,G) G Richards 7-11-7 ...... M Moloney
2 44 BULA NUDAY 23 K Oliver 9-11-0 ...... A Roche (5)
3 -P55 FIRST LORD 24 (B,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 8-11-0 ...... S Lyons (5)
4 5442 IRISH GENT 19 (BF) P Cheesbrough 8-11-0 ...... A Dobbin
5 -455 KILCOLGAN 24 Mrs J Goodfellow 7-11-0 ...... B Storey
6 45/F MASTER MATHEW 12 (F,S) W Reed 7-11-0 ...... P Waggott (5)
7 0P MY PARTNER 24 S Payne 6-11-0 ...... A Merrigan
8 4P05 SUPER SANDY 16 F Walton 7-10-9 ...... A Larnach (5)

7-4 Tartan Tradewinds, 7-2 Bula Nuday, 4-1 Irish Gent, 5-1 First Lord, 7-1 Kilcolgan, 16-1 Master Mathew, 33-1 My Partner, Super Sandy.

3.20 STUDHOLME DICKSON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,088: 2m 4f 110yd) (12)

1 -305 EASBY JOKER 24 (S) S Kettlewell 6-11-10 ...... A Dobbin
2 5222 CROMARTY 12 (BF) J J O'Neill 4-11-9 ...... A Roche (5)
3 0314 WHITE DIAMOND 9 (C,BF,F,S) Mrs A Swinbank 6-11-6 ...... B Storey
4 0060 GERMAN LEGEND 14 R Lamb 4-11-0 ...... A Merrigan
5 006 ZAAHEYAH 33 M Hammond 4-10-11 ...... S Lyons (5)
6 463- HIGHLAND RIVER 310 T Cuthbert 7-10-8 ...... Carol Cuthbert
7 0180 TIGHTER BUDGET 2 (S) Mrs E Slack 7-10-5 ...... M Moloney
8 00F6 PAAJIB 25 J Norton 4-10-3 ...... W Fry (7)
9 FP0P ROYAL FIFE 18 Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-2 ...... D J Moffatt (3)
10 0050 MISS PIMPERNEL 14 J Barclay 4-10-2 ...... D Bentley (3)
11 /5-P CORBY KNOWE 24 J Barclay 8-10-0 ...... Mr D Parker (5)
12 P-000 ROYAL QUARRY 2 (B) J Goulding 8-10-0 ...... G Dennis

3-1 Cromarty, 7-2 White Diamond, 9-2 Easby Joker, 6-1 German Legend, 8-1 Zaaheyah, 14-1 Highland Fever, 20-1 others.

3.50 JOHN DIXON HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,262: 3m) (9)

1 11P1 VIVA BELLA 18 (B,C,D,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-11-10 ...... Mr D Parker (5)
2 P532 FORTH AND TAY 18 (CD,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 12-10-11 ...... A Dobbin
3 2P66 ZAM BEE 14 (C,F,G,S) W Reed 8-10-11 ...... P Waggott (5)
4 5125 CAROUSEL ROCKET 18 (CD,F,G,S) M Hammond 11-10-10 ...... D Bentley (3)
5 P545 BOREEN OWEN 27 (B,CD,G,S) J J O'Neill 10-10-8 ...... A Roche (5)
6 -21P DEADLINE 14 (B,D,G,S) S Chadwick 11-10-8 ...... Miss J Thurlow
7 6116 DUCHESS OF TUBBER 9 (S) R Fisher 6-10-5 ...... A Merrigan
8 FF-0F RAWYARDS BRIG 82 (D,S) Mrs D Thomson 11-10-3 ...... S Lyons (5)
9 44F4 HOUXTY LAD 16 (G) J Charlton 8-10-0 ...... B Storey

11-4 Viva Bella, 3-1 Zam Bee, 7-2 Forth And Tay, 9-2 Carousel Rocket, 8-1 Duchess Of Tubber, 10-1 Boreen Owen, 12-1 Deadline, 25-1 others.

4.20 BBC RADIO CUMBRIA HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,128: 2m 1f) (8)

1 4441 SWEET CITY 4F (CD,S) G Richards 9-11-10 ...... N Leach (5)
2 6112 PALACEGATE KING 12 (CD,S) A Whillans 5-11-6 ...... M Moloney
3 5201 MASTER OF TROY 24 (CD,G,S) C Parker 6-11-3 ...... Mr D Parker (5)
4 5113 NATIVE WORTH 46 (S) J Jefferson 4-10-11 ...... A Dobbin
5 PU31 DUTCH BLUES 55 (CD,S) Mrs S Austin 7-10-0 ...... D Wilkinson
6 0053 HAMANAKA 24 (S) J Love 5-10-0 ...... Mr S Love
7 001/6 HEY JOE 9 (G) V Thompson 7-10-0 ...... D J Moffatt (3)
8 0R66 CAPTAIN TANCRED 23 (S) J Birkett 6-10-0 ...... A Merrigan

5-2 Master Of Troy, 7-2 Sweet City, 4-1 Palacegate King, 9-2 Native Worth, 8-1 Dutch Blues, 12-1 Hamanaka, 16-1 others.

4.50 JOHN McKIE MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,184: 3m 2f) (7)

1 PP2U CLONONY CASTLE 13 (B) Miss U McGuinness 8-12-7 ...... N Wilson (5)
2 1-1P COT LANE 23P (F,G) J Walmsley 9-12-7 ...... R Walmsley (7)
3 204 MILL KNOCK 13 (S) J Thompson 12-12-7 ...... J M Dun (5)
4 1124 SHARP OPINION 13 (G,S) Miss P Robson 11-12-7 ...... D Parker (5)
5 3152 UBU VAL 9P (F,S) W Bethell 8-12-7 ...... W Bethell (7)
6 5F2 BROAD CHARE 30P E Elliott 7-12-0 ...... C Storey (7)
7 6-52 BIRTLEY GIRL 30P D Hutchinson 10-11-9 ...... Miss Sue Nichol (7)

☐ Form figures include point-to-points

9-4 Sharp Opinion, 5-2 Ubu Val, 5-1 Broad Chare, 6-1 Cot Lane, 8-1 Clonony Castle, 12-1 Mill Knock, 16-1 Birtley Girl.

5.20 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(Div I: £1,319: 2m 1f) (15)

1 0 GREET THE GREEK 13 Mrs S Bramall 5-11-7 ...... Mr D Parker (5)
2 MISTER BUZIOS J J O'Neill 5-11-7 ...... A Roche (5)
3 6 NOW YOUNG MAN 44 Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-7 ...... Mr N Wilson
4 APOLLO'S DAUGHTER J Goulding 6-11-2 ...... Mr R Hale
5 LUCIMAN Mrs M Reveley 4-11-2 ...... J Lonergan (7)
6 MARY CHERRY Mrs D Cethen 6-11-2 ...... I Jardine (7)
7 SPARKY GAYLE C Parker 4-11-2 ...... Mr A Parker
8 5-0 TIGH-NA-MARA 28 D Garrison 6-11-2 ...... S Lyons (5)
9 TWICE WEEKLY F Jestin 5-11-2 ...... Miss Sue Nichol (7)
10 0 CEDAR LEAF 28 R McDonald 4-10-11 ...... P Waggott (5)
11 0 HARRY'S MIDGET 16 Mrs A Hamilton 4-10-11 ...... Mr Robert Robinson
12 0 HENBRIG 23 L Lungo 4-10-11 ...... Mr C Ewart
13 4 LITTLE SERENA 28 J Walmsley 4-10-11 ...... N Leach (5)
14 P LUCKY HOLLY 13 R Wood 4-10-11 ...... C Woodall (7)
15 0 TRY AGAIN JANE 18 D Eddy 4-10-11 ...... A Larnach (3)

5-2 Luciman, 4-1 Sparky Gayle, 6-1 Little Serena, 8-1 Now Young Man, Tigh-Na-Mara, 10-1 Mister Buzios, 12-1 Apollo's Daughter, 14-1 others.

5.50 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(Div II: £1,319: 2m 1f) (15)

1 32 BALLYALLIA CASTLE 9 R Fisher 5-11-7 ...... A Roche (5)
2 3 BROADWATER BOY 25 M Hammond 6-11-7 ...... Mr C Bonner (7)
3 35 DISSINGTON DENE 30 J Norton 5-11-7 ...... W Fry (7)
4 0 KINGS LANE 25 G Dun 5-11-7 ...... Mr J M Dun
5 PRESS TO STING A Mactaggart 5-11-7 ...... Mr D Mactaggart
6 5 RADICAL CHOICE 25 J Charlton 5-11-7 ...... D J Moffatt (3)
7 ARKANSAS Mrs M Stott 4-11-2 ...... Mr S Swiers
8 BUSTALLEY T Gibson 4-11-2 ...... Mark Roberts (7)
9 0 BUYERS DREAM 28 J Hellens 4-11-2 ...... A Larnach (3)
10 54 MOREOF A GUNNER 25 (BF) J Jefferson 4-11-2 ...... S Lyons (5)
11 05 QUEEN BUZZARD 18 E Weymes 6-11-2 ...... Mr J Weymes (7)
12 STORMY CORAL C Parker 4-11-2 ...... Mr D Parker (5)
13 8 TALL FELLOW 18 T Tate 4-11-2 ...... Mr W Burnell (7)
14 5 WINDSWEPT LADY 13 Mrs M Reveley 5-11-2 ...... M Herrington (7)
15 03 OWES THE TILL 18 R Wood 4-10-11 ...... C Woodall (7)

9-4 Broadwater Boy, 3-1 Ballyallia Castle, 9-2 Dissington Dene, 7-1 Windswept Lady, 8-1 Owes The Till, 10-1 Radical Choice, 12-1 others.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER
2.30 Merlins Wish. 3.05 Rampallion. 3.40 Casino Magic. 4.15 Gort. 4.50 Crooked Counsel. 5.25 Blast Freeze. 5.55 Project's Mate.
Brian Beel: 3.05 Sharinski.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

2.30 ROSS-ON-WYE NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: £1,896: 2m 1f) (17 runners)

1 1400 KELLY'S DARLING 10 (F) ... 6-11-5 ...... P McLoughlin (7)
2 1225 MERLINS WISH 54 (D,BF,F) M Pipe 5-11-8 ...... M Foster
3 U165 ROXY RIVER 10 (S) ... 6-11-2 ...... V Slattery
4 -P0P BOX OF DELIGHTS 52 R ... 6-11-2 ...... P Carey (7)
5 P-3 BROWNED OFF 10 ... 5-11-2 ...... D Bridgwater
6 0P DABALARK 10 ... 5-11-2 ...... A O'Hagan
7 -8 FIGHTING BRAVE 9 ... 5-11-2 ...... J Kavanagh
8 /5-8 FOURTH IN LINE 152 (S) T George 6-11-2 ...... C Maude
9 3/40/ FRENCH IVY 21DF ... 7-11-2 ...... G Upton
10 66-0 GREEN'S STUBBS 15F A Barrow 7-11-2 ...... S Burrough
11 4/ JEHOL 752 R Babbage 8-11-2 ...... D Meade
12 PINK SUNSET 1327F ... 6-11-2 ...... Mr C Hancock
13 P4PP- WETANDRY 412 C Hemsley 9-11-2 ...... M Bosley
14 002- FIVE STARS 328 ... 7-11-2 ...... N Mann
15 3/ FOND KISS 1084 ... 5-10-11 ...... J Bond (7)
16 2433 TOO SHARP 21 (BF) Miss H Knight 6-10-11 ...... R Marley
17 GIRTON BELLE 361F G Jones 4-10-5 ...... Mr G Hogan (7)

11-4 Browned Off, 7-2 Merlins Wish, 6-1 Too Sharp, 8-1 Fighting Brave, Roxy River, 10-1 Fourth In Line, 12-1 Five Stars, 14-1 Kelly's Darling, 16-1 others.

3.05 JAMES DALY HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,966: 2m 3f) (14)

1 5400 CURAHEEN BOY 6 (B,CD,F,G) C Trietline 14-12-10 ...... Miss J Butler (7)
2 /431- RAMPALLION 369 (F,G,S) P Warner 11-12-7 ...... S Blackwell (7)
3 PP-P ABBEYDORE 23P (G,S) Mrs C Hardinge 12-12-0 ...... S Joynes (7)
4 33-1 COMMEMARA DAWN 9P (F,G,S) J Tuck 10-12-0 ...... Dr P Pritchard (7)
5 PPP- CWM GWAUN 362P Mrs A Price 10-12-0 ...... M Jackson (7)
6 06U- KISSANE 394 (CD,G,S) R Perry 13-12-0 ...... J Wintle (7)
7 04/20 LOR MOSS 13 (F,S) S Bottrill 14-12-0 ...... C Hancock (7)
8 P-5P PARADISE BEACH 27 (S) Major M Dangerfield 5-12-0 ...... P MacEwan (5)
9 P-61 SHARINSKI 9P (F,S) A Brewer 7-12-0 ...... J Rudge (7)
10 3-PP BUSTED ROCK 9P Mrs L Morgan 9-11-10 ...... S Shinton (7)
11 U1 HENRYK 51P (S) Mrs J Scrimshaw 12-11-10 ...... R Johnson (7)
12 00-3 IN THE WATER 23P Mrs A Price 7-11-10 ...... G Brown (7)
13 4-P3 KERRY HILL 9P R Davis 9-11-10 ...... M Watling (7)
14 P544 CORRIANNE 16P J Taylor 7-11-5 ...... Mrs D Smith (7)

2-1 Kissane, 3-1 Rampallion, 7-1 Henryk, Sharinski, 8-1 others.

3.40 NEWTON WILLIAMS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,048: 3m 1f 110yd) (15)

1 1/PP NEARCO BAY 69 N Henderson 10-12-0 ...... J Kavanagh
2 -P8P NOUGAT RUSSE 45 (F,G) N Twiston-Davies 13-11-11 ...... D Bridgwater
3 /P-P TROUT ANGLER 11 (C,F,G,S) G Balding 10-11-9 ...... G Upton
4 5136 SMISTER 58 (BF,F,S) C Nash 12-11-5 ...... Mr C Hancock (7)
5 2035 SANDAIRS 21 (B,BF,G) K Bailey 8-11-5 ...... N Williamson
6 1543 MISS FERN 14 (CD,F,G,S) P Sedlo 9-11-5 ...... P Carey (7)
7 331P NAUGHTY NICKY 126 (F,S) K Bishop 10-11-3 ...... M Bosley
8 P5P4 CASINO MAGIC 21 (C,F,G,S) J Spearing 10-11-2 ...... V Slattery
9 2144 LITTLE GENERAL 28 (D,F) R Rowe 11-10-12 ...... C Maude
10 4-P5 SKETCHER 12 (G,S) D Sasse 11-10-12 ...... Mr G Shenton (7)
11 2655 LEAGAUNE 38 (S) Mrs M McCourt 11-10-8 ...... R Marley
12 -F00 TAGMOUN CHAUFOUR 70 (S) A Barrow 9-10-5 ...... S Burrough
13 2U2U IMPECCABLE TIMING 27 (S) C C Nash 11-10-5 ...... D Meade
14 P0P0 MINT-MASTER 65 (F) B Shaw 9-10-3 ...... P McLoughlin (7)
15 0EU4 VICAR OF BRAY 23 G Balding 7-10-0 ...... N Mann

5-2 Little General, 3-1 Sandairs, 4-1 Smister, Miss Fern, 6-1 others.

4.15 HOLIDAY SELLING HURDLE
(£1,501: 3m 2f) (9)

1 2046 GORT 13 (CD,G,S) B Meehan 6-11-12 ...... J Kavanagh
2 3050 LOXLEY RANGE 17 (S) R Jukes 6-11-12 ...... P McLoughlin (7)
3 1350 ON THE SAUCE 16 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-11-12 ...... M Foster
4 6654 LITTLE BIG 21 (B,F,G) C Broad 7-11-8 ...... N Collum (7)
5 3040 BAYBEEJAY 38 (G) R Brotherton 7-11-3 ...... D Bridgwater
6 F-PP SIXTH IN LINE 138 T George 6-11-2 ...... C Maude
7 00PP SNICKERSNEE 34 (B) K Bishop 6-11-2 ...... S Burrough
8 F380 KEMMY DARLING 32 M Meggendge 7-10-11 ...... M Ahern
9 60 SECRET FORMULA 91 T Greathead 4-10-8 ...... M Sharratt

2-1 Gort, On The Sauce, 4-1 Little Big, 6-1 Secret Formula, 12-1 others.

4.50 MARLBROOK NOVICES CHASE
(£2,771: 2m) (12)

1 1224 CROOKED COUNSEL 17 (D,BF,G) K Bailey 8-11-10 ...... N Williamson
2 5181 FRANKUS 21 (CD,F,G) S Mellor 5-11-3 ...... N Mann
3 5062 LUCAYAN GOLD 130 K Bishop 10-11-3 ...... R Marley
4 -F51 MACEDONAS 123 (F,G,S) C Brooks 6-11-3 ...... M Berry (7)
5 05P3 PERCY SMOLLETT 21 (F) J McConnochie 6-11-3 ...... M Foster
6 3F54 QUENTIN DURWOOD 31 (S,S) B De Haan 8-11-3 ...... G Upton
7 54PP RICH NEPHEW 28 (F,G,S) R Rowe 9-11-3 ...... C Maude
8 0-6P SPINNING STEEL 68 (F) K Bishop 7-11-3 ...... S Burrough
9 20/ TOKANDA 317P F Yardley 10-11-3 ...... J Kavanagh
10 P433 VILLA RECOS 12 (F,G,S) A Barrow 9-11-3 ...... D Bridgwater
11 5366 DONNA'S TOKEN 14 (F,G) R Brown 9-10-12 ...... P McLoughlin (7)
12 0545 LAND OF THE FREE 12 (BF,F,S) R Baker 5-10-5 ...... V Slattery

2-1 Macedonas, 3-1 Crooked Counsel, 6-1 Frankus, 7-1 Lucayan Gold, Quentin Durwood, 8-1 Land Of The Free, Villa Recos, 10-1 others.

5.25 ROSS-ON-WYE NOVICES HURDLE
(Div II: £1,896: 2m 1f) (17)

1 1P11 BATTY'S ISLAND 9 (D,G,S) B Preece 5-12-0 ...... Mr S Joynes (7)
2 126P GILBERT 122 (F) D Carey 6-11-8 ...... NON-RUNNER
3 P/4 COURTING NEWMARKET 19 Mrs A Knight 6-11-2 ...... S Burrough
4 330 HEAD OF DEFENCE 11 J Criddle 9-11-2 ...... Mr S Shenton
5 0-0P HIGH BACCARAT 12 (V) A Chamberlain 5-11-2 ...... D Meade
6 6P35 ICE MAGIC 184 F Yardley 7-11-2 ...... P McLoughlin (7)
7 MENEFORT A Williams 6-11-2 ...... Mr M Jackson
8 PP0P NORDIC FLIGHT 156 R Eckley 6-11-2 ...... V Slattery
9 23-P PANDY 191 (BF) G Thorner 6-11-2 ...... G Upton
10 POETS COVE 199F J Webber 6-11-2 ...... D Bridgwater
11 5P SHERWOOD BOY 142 (BF) K Bailey 5-11-2 ...... N Williamson
12 TRUE MARCH 1238F C Nash 6-11-2 ...... S Drake (7)
13 2F40 WILKINS 10 (B) Miss H Knight 5-11-2 ...... R Marley
14 6-32 BLAST FREEZE 21 (G) N Henderson 5-10-11 ...... J Kavanagh
15 2-00 ROYAL GLINT 21 H Haynes 5-10-11 ...... Mr G Brown
16 00-0 TRUSTINO 116 C Nash 6-10-11 ...... M Bosley
17 54 PULMICORT 14 Mrs M Jones 4-10-10 ...... C Maude

2-1 Blast Freeze, 4-1 Batty's Island, Poets Cove, 5-1 Wilkins, 6-1 Pandy, 14-1 Ice Magic, 16-1 others.

5.55 PETERSTOW NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,386: 2m 3f 110yd) (18)

1 4-63 KILLURA 10 K Bailey 6-12-7 ...... N Williamson
2 40-4 THE MILLWRIGHT 116 M Bradstock 7-11-4 ...... G Upton
3 433 BENTICO 11 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4 ...... D Bridgwater
4 2332 TAKE THE BUCKSKIN 19 (G) T Thomson Jones 7-11-1 ...... D Meade
5 5512 LUCKY BLUE 21 (CD,S) N Thomson 7-11-1 ...... C Maude
6 -110 PROJECT'S MATE 86 (C,S) R Brown 7-10-10 ...... P McLoughlin (7)
7 00P1 FREE DANCER 21 (S) S Brookshaw 4-10-8 ...... D J Burchell
8 P5P0 GLADYS EMMANUEL 9 (B) R Pocock 7-10-6 ...... S Burrough
9 0000 RAGTIME BOY 45 C Barwell 6-10-6 ...... J Kavanagh
10 4004 BRIDEPARK ROSE 32 M Meggendge 6-10-3 ...... M Ahern
11 0345 HONEY GUIDE 18 R Baker 4-10-3 ...... N Mann
12 -F06 SUPER SNARF 37 (G) C Broad 6-10-3 ...... Jacqui Oliver
13 5265 DANGER BABY 54 R Dickin 4-10-1 ...... P Carey (7)
14 F/0B- MARINERS LOVE 528 R Price 6-10-0 ...... M Bosley
15 -U0P CHARLAFRIVOLA 61 T Greathead 6-10-0 ...... M Sharratt
16 -3030 MAHONG 14 Mrs R Parrott 6-10-0 ...... V Slattery
17 P2S0 THE OVERTRUMPER 34 G Roe 7-10-0 ...... Lorna Vincent
18 0-0B EARLY STAR 31F K Bishop 5-10-0 ...... R Marley

4-1 The Millwright, 5-1 Bentico, 6-1 Lucky Blue, 8-1 Free Dancer, Killura, Project's Mate, 10-1 Take The Buckskin, 12-1 Bridepark Rose, Danger Baby, 16-1 others.

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER
2.00 Bayrak. 2.30 Oh So Bold. 3.00 Brightling Boy. 3.30 Menebuck. 4.05 Clare Man. 4.35 Cunninghams Ford.
Brian Beel: 4.05 Clare Man.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

2.00 BURBERRY/SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,975: 2m 110yd) (12 runners)

1 652 RAGAMUFFIN ROMEO 12 H Sawyer 5-12-0 ...... G McCourt
2 4442 NAGOBELIA 45 (CD,BF,S) J Pearce 6-11-10 ...... J McLaughlin
3 2/P MAGGIES LAD 35 (B,F) N Burke 6-11-9 ...... R Campbell
4 5150 CHANDIGARH 17 (S) R Lee 6-11-5 ...... R Greene
5 PX03 SWAN WALK 17 (G,S) Mrs N Macauley 6-11-1 ...... E Husband (5)
6 2224 BAYRAK 82 C Egerton 4-11-0 ...... A Procter (3)
7 0443 RED INK 46 (D,F) J Jenkins 5-10-10 ...... D Morris
8 4634 MARSHALL PINDARI 24 T Bill 4-10-0 ...... T Kent
9 0P05 FORMAESTRE 13 G Humphrey 4-10-0 ...... M Richards
10 000P WESTRAY 19 D Wellicome 4-10-0 ...... Peter Hobbs
11 00P ROLY WALLACE 49F (V) A Forbes 5-10-0 ...... T Eley (3)
12 5P00 ALTESSE ROXANNE 14 Mrs L Jewell 5-10-0 ...... J McCarthy (3)

3-1 Bayrak, 7-2 Nagobelia, 9-2 Ragamuffin Romeo, 6-1 Swan Walk, 8-1 Chandigarh, Marshall Pindari, 9-1 Red Ink, 10-1 Formaestre, 14-1 others.

2.30 LUCAYAN STUD NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,835: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 1F83 DONT TELL THE WIFE 16 (D,S) Mrs D Haine 8-11-10 ...... R Campbell
2 2P2F NICKSLINE 30 J Gifford 8-11-6 ...... P Hide (3)
3 42P1 THE WHIP 21 (G) D Grissell 7-11-3 ...... Peter Hobbs
4 35-1 OH SO BOLD 21 (G) J Bradley 7-11-2 ...... G McCourt
5 PP1F COCK SPARROW 17 (F,S) J Mackie 10-11-1 ...... T Eley (3)
6 5P03 ACCESS SUN 17 (F,S) J King 7-10-13 ...... A Procter (3)
7 223F LOCAL MANOR 28 (BF) O Sherwood 7-10-11 ...... M Richards
8 PP/P INDIAN JEWEL 17 J Jenkins 10-10-8 ...... D Morris
9 P24P UNEXIS 16 S Mellor 9-10-0 ...... J McCarthy (3)
10 /UP BILLION DOLLARBILL 17 Mrs P Tatley 6-10-0 ...... R Greene

7-2 Dont Tell The Wife, The Whip, 5-1 Local Manor, Nicksline, 6-1 Oh So Bold, 7-1 Cock Sparrow, 8-1 Access Sun, 12-1 others.

3.00 TRIPLEPRINT HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,444: 2m 5f 110yd) (5)

1 5124 COUTURE STOCKINGS 16 (D,F,G,S) J Mackie 10-11-10 ...... T Eley (3)
2 14P5 BRIGHTLING BOY 45 (B,F,G,S) D Grissell 9-11-3 ...... Peter Hobbs
3 3394 CAMBO 12 (D,G,S) M Banks 8-10-12 ...... G McCourt
4 3134 CORLY SPECIAL 47 (F,S) K Bishop 7-10-0 ...... J McCarthy (3)
5 -0PP TAP DANCING 13 (G) J Akus 8-10-0 ...... Mr N Bradley (7)

2-1 Couture Stockings, 5-2 Corly Special, 7-2 Brightling Boy, 9-2 Cambo, 16-1 Tap Dancing.

3.30 DAILY TELEGRAPH HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,591: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 1411 MENEBUCK 10 (D,F,G,S) Lady Herries 8-12-0 ...... Mr Andrew Lillingston (7)
2 1140 DRIVING FORCE 30 (F,G,S) Mrs M McCourt 8-11-8 ...... G McCourt
3 P21U BOBBY SOCKS 24 (CD,F,G,S) R Lee 8-11-3 ...... R Greene
4 0542 MR JAMBOREE 67 (D,F,G) J Gifford 8-11-2 ...... P Hide (3)
5 2545 SECRET SUMMIT 77F (V,F,G,S) A Forbes 8-10-1 ...... T Eley (3)

7-4 Menebuck, 5-2 Mr Jamboree, 3-1 Bobby Socks, 5-1 Driving Force, 10-1 Secret Summit.

4.05 TELECONNECTION UK NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,339: 3m) (8)

1 3-1U AVOSTAR 5 (D,BF,G) Miss C Saunders 7-12-7 ...... R Russell (5)
2 11 CLARE MAN 27 (D,G,S) Miss C Saunders 6-12-7 ...... J Greenall
3 00/3 ALL GOLD BOY 13 T Jones 9-12-0 ...... C Ward Thomas (7)
4 -P0F AS GOOD AS GOLD 13 (F,S) T Jones 8-12-0 ...... D Bittmyre (7)
5 3U22 JOLLY ROGER 28 (BF,F) H Skelton 7-12-0 ...... Michael J Jones (7)
6 000/ NORTHERN DAWN 784 (F) S Hyde 12-12-0 ...... F Telford (7)
7 F-33 VERY TOUCHING 16P (G) R Heyman 9-12-0 ...... C Millington (7)
8 -0U0 GAY MELODY 23P (F,G) H Spencer 12-11-9 ...... Miss P Claydon (7)

☐ Form figures include point-to-points

7-4 Avostar, 11-4 Clare Man, 4-1 Jolly Roger, 8-1 All Gold Boy, 10-1 Very Touching, 12-1 Gay Melody, 14-1 As Good As Gold, 20-1 Northern Dawn.

4.35 SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION NOVICES HURDLE (£1,961: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

1 1015 CUNNINGHAMS FORD 31 (BF,F,S) O Sherwood 6-12-3 ...... Mr A Harvey (7)
2 P230 BOOK OF MUSIC 19 (S) J Gifford 6-11-10 ...... P Hide (3)
3 2212 OUROWNFELLOW 10 (S) R Curtis 5-11-10 ...... D Morris
4 4436 LACURVA 34 M Wilkinson 6-11-3 ...... Peter Hobbs
5 2222 TALBOT 34 C Egerton 8-11-3 ...... A Procter (3)
6 6064 FLAPPING FREDA 28 J Jenkins 5-10-12 ...... G McCourt
7 34 INTENTION 17 I Campbell 4-10-10 ...... R Campbell

2-1 Book Of Music, 5-2 Ourownfellow, 5-1 Cunninghams Ford, 6-1 Talbot, 8-1 Intention, 10-1 Flapping Freda, 12-1 Lacurva.

WINCANTON

THUNDERER
2.00 Brave Highlander. 2.30 Big Beat. 3.00 Sophism. 3.30 Miss Equilia. 4.00 Ghofar. 4.30 Fatack.

GOING: SOFT

2.00 PAY AND PLAY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,373: 2m 6f) (12 runners)

1 0135 FRIENDLY FELLOW 23 (S) D Elsworth 5-12-0 ...... DOUBTFUL
2 6401 KELLING 19 (D,S) P Nicholls 7-11-7 ...... Guy Lewis (5)
3 31P2 NAZZARO 12 (D,S) W G M Turner 5-11-7 ...... R Darke (7)
4 3123 RAMALLAH 13 (G) J White 5-11-7 ...... W McFarland
5 4443 BRAVE HIGHLANDER 11 J Gifford 6-11-0 ...... D Murphy
6 5000 GENERALLY JUST 9 (B) S Stickland 8-11-0 ...... Mr S Stickland
7 00-P IDIOM 45 Mrs J Retter 7-11-0 ...... S Fox (5)
8 00-0 MAC'S BOY 16 B Palling 5-11-0 ...... D Skyrme
9 545 ORSWELL LAD 38 P Hobbs 5-11-0 ...... A Tory
10 P-PP POLYNOGAN 142 R Buckler 8-11-0 ...... S Earle
11 P044 TAKE CHANCES 18 Mrs P Dutfield 6-11-0 ...... P Holley
12 20-4 FOREST PRIDE 53 K Bailey 5-10-9 ...... A Thornton (3)

3-1 Ramallah, 4-1 Brave Highlander, 5-1 Kelling, 6-1 Nazzaro, 8-1 Forest Pride, 12-1 Mac's Boy, 16-1 others.

2.30 GARDENS NIGHT CLUB NOVICES CHASE
(£3,175: 2m 5f) (11)

1 6322 BIG BEAT 11 (BF,G,S) D Elsworth 6-11-7 ...... P Holley
2 FU34 WHAT'S IN ORBIT 32 (G,S) P Nicholls 9-11-7 ...... Guy Lewis (5)
3 13U6 YOUR WELL 16 (G,S) J White 8-11-7 ...... W McFarland
4 /445 CHEEKY FOX 111 (B) J Bosley 8-11-0 ...... I Lawrence
5 UP44 DRAW LOTS 11 P Rodford 10-11-0 ...... I Shoemark
6 F304 DURRINGTON 10 (S) M Bolton 8-11-0 ...... S Earle
7 3UD- KERRYS EYE 336 P Rodford 10-11-0 ...... —
8 5P40 KING'S RARITY 21 (G) C Popham 8-11-0 ...... D Skyrme
9 4PP0 MONKSANDER 21 P Richens 8-11-0 ...... A Tory
10 2014 MUTUAL BENEFIT 30 (G) P Richens 7-11-0 ...... A Jones
11 24-3 WISE CUSTOMER 11 (G) S Sherwood 10-11-0 ...... Mr J Rees

4-9 Big Beat, 13-2 Wise Customer, 8-1 What's In Orbit, 10-1 Mutual Benefit, Your Well, 14-1 Durrington, 16-1 Cheeky Fox, 20-1 others.

3.00 GREEN EAGLE CLAIMING HURDLE
(£2,233: 2m) (8)

1 15-0 LASSIE 155F (D,G) K Cunningham-Brown 5-12-0 ...... R Davis (3)
2 P-12 SOPHISM 12 (BF,S) M Pipe 5-11-9 ...... D Murphy
3 0-0 SPONTANEOUS PRIDE 30 K Bailey 6-11-8 ...... A Thornton (3)
4 5-PP TOOMUCH TOOSOON 123 Miss J Doyle 5-10-11 ...... S Curran (5)
5 LADY MAVIS 203F K Bishop 4-10-5 ...... A Tory
6 P0P0 WEST END 19 G Stickland 4-10-5 ...... J Neaves (7)
7 5P6F OUR NIGG 60 P Rodford 4-10-1 ...... I Shoemark
8 4U4 RED MICKS WIFE 21 P Nicholls 4-10-0 ...... Guy Lewis (5)

4-6 Sophism, 4-1 Red Micks Wife, 6-1 Spontaneous Pride, 8-1 Lassie, 10-1 Our Nigg, 16-1 Toomuch Toosoon, 20-1 West End, 33-1 Lady Mavis.

[Kelso]

THUNDERER
2.20 Ariadler. 2.50 Able Player. 3.20 Golden Isle. 3.50 My Lindianne. 4.20 Lo Stregone. 4.50 Strong Flame.

GOING: GOOD

2.20 WILSTROP NOVICES HURDLE
(Amateurs: £2,320: 2m 4f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 14P3 ARIADLER 12 (G) P Cheesbrough 6-11-8 ...... J Greenall
2 1202 COQUI LANE 12 (D,G) G Dun 7-11-6 ...... Mrs J Dun (7)
3 3254 ASTRALEON 14 R Allan 6-11-0 ...... A Manners (7)
4 P/22 BRIGADIER DAVIS 18 T Tate 7-11-0 ...... C Bonner (7)
5 60U2 MEGAMUNCH 17 R Jukes 6-11-0 ...... Miss S Higgins (7)
6 54-8 SPIRITUALIST 19 Mrs G Plowright 8-11-0 ...... L Donnelly (7)
7 614P SUPPOSIN 16 (G) Mrs S Smith 6-11-0 ...... W Halliday (7)
8 0/P- VILLA TARANTO 357 Mrs B Brunt 9-10-9 ...... R Brunt (7)

2-1 Coqui Lane, 3-1 Astraleon, 7-2 Ariadler, 11-2 Brigadier Davis, 16-1 Supposin, 20-1 Megamunch, Spiritualist, 33-1 Villa Taranto.

2.50 HUDDERSFIELD NOVICES CHASE
(£3,418: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 11F5 VAYRUA 25 (D,B,G) J Hellens 9-12-0 ...... C Grant
2 S302 ABLE PLAYER 12 (B,F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-11-8 ...... J Burke (5)
3 4221 SILVER STICK 14 (D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 7-11-8 ...... R Garritty
4 S102 CONCERT PAPER 65 (V,CD,B,S) R O'Leary 10-11-2 ...... K Davies (7)
5 U634 THE COUNTRY TRADER 12 (BF) G Richards 8-11-2 ...... N Doughty
6 3001 BASILICUS 12 (S) Mrs S Smith 5-11-1 ...... Gary Lyons

7-4 Basilicus, 7-2 Silver Stick, 5-1 Concert Paper, 6-1 The Country Trader, Vayrua, 8-1 Able Player.

3.20 LEEDS INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,453: 2m) (9)

1 3441 ONE FOR THE POT 23 (D,F,G,S) M Naughton 9-12-0 ...... R Bellamy
2 1-14 ALGARI 178 (D,BF,F,S) G Richards 7-11-7 ...... B Harding (7)
3 524F SEON 16 (D,BF,F,G,S) W Bentley 8-11-7 ...... N Bentley
4 2511 FULL O'PRAISE 16 (D,F,G) P Calver 7-11-4 ...... T Reed
5 122F ISSYIN 51 (BF,S) M W Easterby 7-11-3 ...... R Garritty
6 6460 PIMS GUNNER 12 (F,G) M Hammond 6-11-0 ...... C Grant
7 2892 GOLDEN ISLE 16 (BF,F,G) J Charlton 10-10-11 ...... J Burke (5)
8 -422 HIGHLY DECORATED 73 (G) Mrs S Smith 9-10-8 ...... Gary Lyons
9 5352 HEIR OF EXCITEMENT 19 (V,G) A Stringer 9-10-8 ...... S Turner

3-1 One For The Pot, 11-2 Seon, 6-1 Full O'Praise, 7-1 Algari, Highly Decorated, Issyin, 10-1 Golden Isle, 12-1 Heir Of Excitement, Pims Gunner.

3.50 WHARFEDALE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,110: 2m) (13)

1 5411 REGAL ROMPER 27 (D,G) Mrs S Smith 6-12-0 ...... D Towler (7)
2 485- AUSTHORPE SUNSET 474 (CD,F,G,S) T Donnelly 10-11-11 ...... Mr R Armson
3 2200 MY LINDIANNE 166 (D,S) J Dooler 7-11-2 ...... C Grant
4 0-F3 CHADWICK'S GINGER 14 (D,G) W Tinning 6-11-2 ...... S Turner
5 F060 TOP VILLAIN 14 (D,F,G) C Bell 8-11-2 ...... Mr S Bell
6 -000 OLD MORTALITY 183 (F) R Allan 8-10-12 ...... S Melrose (7)
7 06F2 HYPNOTIST 18 (D,G,S) W Bentley 7-10-8 ...... N Bentley
8 0004 HIGHFIELD PRINCE 14 (D,F,S) R O'Leary 6-10-4 ...... R Garritty
9 6200 SUMMERS DREAM 10F (B) Mrs P Barker 4-10-2 ...... D Byrne
10 0480 BIN LID 33 G Richards 5-10-0 ...... B Harding (7)
11 P5P6 SINGING SAM 73 (B,G) W Cunningham 9-10-0 ...... N Smith
12 P50/ SEE THE LIGHT 653F (D,F) P Salmon 7-10-0 ...... H Bastiman (5)
13 6UP0 LADY KHADIJA 10F G Kelly 8-10-0 ...... W Dwan

9-4 Regal Romper, 9-2 Chadwick's Ginger, 7-1 Bin Lid, 8-1 Hypnotist, My Lindianne, 10-1 Highfield Prince, Old Mortality, 16-1 others.

4.20 WETHERBY HANDICAP CHASE
(£7,156: 3m 110yd) (9)

1 -15U WHISPERING STEEL 117 (D,BF,G,S) G Richards 8-12-0 ...... N Doughty
2 5P62 ARMAGRET 16 (C,BF,F,G,S) B Wilkinson 9-11-4 ...... D Byrne
3 1-32 SIKERA SPY 26 (D,F,G,S) Mrs A Hewitt 12-10-9 ...... R Bellamy
4 03-P IDA'S DELIGHT 91 (CD,F,G,S) J Charlton 15-10-8 ...... T Reed
5 4322 BLUFF KNOLL 12 (CD,F,G,S) R Brewis 11-10-8 ...... B Harker
6 2213 LO STREGONE 33 (CD,BF,G,S) T Tate 8-10-8 ...... R Garritty
7 2532 CANDY TUFF 24 (CD,BF,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-8 ...... N Smith
8 2540 SHOON WIND 30 (CD,F,G,S) M Hammond 11-10-0 ...... C Grant
9 151P VELEDA II 18 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-10-0 ...... J Burke (5)

7-2 Whispering Steel, 5-1 Candy Tuff, 11-2 Lo Stregone, 6-1 Armagret, 13-2 Bluff Knoll, Sikera Spy, 7-1 Shoon Wind, 14-1 Veleda II, 20-1 Ida's Delight.

4.50 ARKENDALE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,478: 3m 1f) (6)

1 2211 KENILWORTH LAD 16 (F,B,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-10 ...... Mr M Buckley (3)
2 0232 MAJORITY MAJOR 16 P Cheesbrough 5-11-1 ...... R Garritty
3 0012 STRONG FLAME 28 (G,S) M Hammond 5-10-6 ...... C Grant
4 -254 SQUIRES TALE 135 (F) W Bethell 6-10-0 ...... R Bellamy
5 5P02 STRONG DEEL 14 W Reed 6-10-0 ...... T Reed
6 -0P0 MIDORI 26 Mrs A Tomkinson 6-10-0 ...... J Corkell

7-4 Strong Flame, 11-4 Majority Major, 100-30 Kenilworth Lad, 6-1 Strong Deel, 13-2 Squires Tale, 100-1 Midori.

3.30 GARDENS NIGHT CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,233: 2m 6f) (12)

1 5384 SOKAAB 24 (C,F) B Ryall 8-12-0 ...... T Dascombe (7)
2 1032 NICK THE DREAMER 10 (D,F,G,S) W G M Turner 9-11-8 ...... R Darke (7)
3 442P MAESTRO PAUL 19 (F,S) J Gifford 8-11-8 ...... D Murphy
4 6302 SURCOAT 19 (F) R Baker 7-10-11 ...... W McFarland
5 25-0 GARSTON LA GAFFE 12 (D,F) M Bradstock 9-10-9 ...... M P Fitzgerald
6 1042 MISS EQUILIA 32 (C,B,S) M Pipe 8-10-5 ...... L Reynolds (7)
7 1221 WARFIELD 19 (CD,S) P Nicholls 7-10-4 ...... Guy Lewis (5)
8 /605 J BRAND 21 (G,S) R Hodges 7-10-3 ...... A Tory
9 /053 ASHFIELD BOY 12 (C,D,F,S) Mrs J Retter 10-10-3 ...... S Fox (5)
10 00-0 RIBOWINO 14 (C,F,G,S) P Jones 11-10-0 ...... D Leahy (5)
11 351- BEE DEE BOY 318 (G) P Clarke 6-10-0 ...... I Lawrence
12 FP SALMON PRINCE 97 (D,F) C Barwell 8-10-0 ...... S Curran (5)

9-1 Warfield, 4-1 Miss Equilia, 5-1 Nick The Dreamer, 6-1 Maestro Paul, 7-1 Surcoat, 8-1 Ashfield Boy, 10-1 Sokaab, 12-1 Garston La Gaffe, 16-1 others.

4.00 IMPROVE YOUR HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,808: 3m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 2P31 GHOFAR 10 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Elsworth 11-11-10 ...... P Holley
2 3124 SUNLEY BAY 19 (D,B,S) P Nicholls 8-10-18 ...... Guy Lewis (5)
3 PP14 HILL TRIX 19 (G) K Bishop 8-10-7 ...... A Tory
4 -1432 COOL AND EASY 54 (G,S) J Gifford 8-10-7 ...... D Murphy
5 U132 SHASTON 14 (B,CD,F,G,S) W G M Turner 9-10-7 ...... R Darke (7)
6 54P2 DOONLOUGHAN 146 (D,F,G) G Balding 9-10-5 ...... R Davis (3)
7 31P3 PURBECK DOVE 110 (D,G) R Alner 9-10-1 ...... S Earle

3-1 Shaston, 7-2 Ghofar, 5-1 Cool And Easy, 11-2 Sunley Bay, 6-1 Hill Trix, Purbeck Dove, 7-1 Doonloughan.

4.30 NINE HOLE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,495: 2m) (11)

1 /601 CHEMIN LE ROI 25 (CD,G) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-7 ...... I Lawrence
2 2259 FATACK 20 (CD,G) Miss J Doyle 5-11-7 ...... S Curran (5)
3 2521 KEEP ME IN MIND 11 (CD,S) N Mitchell 5-11-7 ...... D Skyrme
4 5265 DESERT RUN 10 P Nicholls 6-11-0 ...... Guy Lewis (5)
5 -350 DOMINO'S RING 171 R Buckler 5-11-0 ...... P Holley
6 6605 POLICEMANS PRIDE 13 M Madgwick 5-11-0 ...... D Murphy
7 SPRING SAINT 170F Miss C Hoder 5-11-0 ...... A Tory
8 03F3 WILL BONNY 138 Mrs A Jeavy 7-11-0 ...... J Neaves (7)
9 ALPA VITA 1435F P Rodford 6-10-9 ...... I Shoemark
10 ALACUE R Alner 4-10-3 ...... S Earle
11 GYPSY CRYSTAL 180F P Rodford 4-10-3 ...... Miss S Cobden (7)

5-2 Keep Me In Mind, 7-2 Fatack, 4-1 Chemin Le Roi, 7-1 Desert Run, 8-1 Policemans Pride, 9-1 Dominos Ring, 12-1 Alacue.

Uttoxeter called off

THE meeting scheduled for Uttoxeter today was called off following an 8 o'clock inspection last night, when the course was found to be waterlogged. There are no inspections officially planned at any other Bank Holiday meetings.

TO PLACE YOUR
CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT
PLEASE TELEPHONE THE NUMBER LISTED BELOW BETWEEN 9AM AND 6PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY (LATE EVENING 7.30PM ON THURSDAYS), 9.30AM AND 12.30PM ON SATURDAYS.

PRIVATE ADVERTISERS
Private Advertisers and Births, Marriages & Deaths 071 481 4000

TRADE ADVERTISERS
Appointments ...... 071 481 4481 | Property 071 481 1986
Business to Business ...... 071 481 1982 | Public Appointments 071 481 1066
International ...... 071 481 3024 | Education Appointments 071 481 1066
Motors ...... 071 481 4422 | Travel 071 481 1989
Personal ...... 071 481 1920 | U.K. Holidays 071 488 3698

ALTERNATIVELY FAX YOUR ADVERTISEMENT TO
071 782 7826 — 071 782 7827 — 071 782 7828 — 071 481 9313

COURT AND SOCIAL ADVERTISING
Telephone 071 782 7347 — Fax 071 481 9313
(ADVERTISEMENTS ACCEPTED ONLY IN WRITING AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION)

Timely chance to restore National pride

RICHARD EVANS



Racing commentary

Not even the Corals ante-post vouchers of £1,000-30 for Moorcroft Boy and £500-30 for Double Silk can lift the gloom. The Martell Grand National may be the greatest steeplechase in the world, but I am simply dreading this week.

And before some smart Alec suggests that with my tipping record in the marathon race I have good grounds for being down in the dumps, let me stress that is NOT the reason for the present cloud of despair. Oh ye of little faith.

Nor is the fading memory of covering a by-election in nearby Knowsley, one of the bleakest and most socially-deprived constituencies in the land, to blame. Not even the bout of flu which laid low half a dozen racing journalists in the airless Aintree press room on that depressing weekend a year ago can be held responsible.

The reason is quite straightforward. This week should be about splendid deeds, by horse and man; it should concern hopes and dreams, such as The Fellow's quest to become the first horse since Golden Miller in 1934 to win both the Grand National and the Cheltenham Gold Cup in the same year; it should concentrate on sporting achievement and disappointment, triumph and defeat, as the latest instalment of the people's race unfurls. It will not.

Instead, a small forest in newsprint and hour upon hour of broadcasting time will be devoted to one issue: will the race go off successfully, or won't it. Simon Morant, the luckless replacement to the bowler-hatted Capt Keith Brown as the official starter, will be a hero or a villain.

What used to be known as Fleet Street's finest are sharpening their pencils in anticipation. Be under no illusions. For them there is only one good result next Saturday — and that is a repeat of last year's fiasco. A race which starts on time and ends in success for one runner will be bad news, almost no news. For them, who know only about hocks which come in bottles, the fun has already begun.

Armed police and £1million spent on fencing around "fortress Aintree" are the opening shots in the invention, or should I say, misrepresentation stakes. Worse will follow, mainly through ignorance rather than deliberate distortion.

Racing must grin and bear it. Like it or not, the sport is on trial this week and it has little control over the outcome. On a day when 15 million adults will happily wager £60 million on which horse can complete the 4½-mile race first, the will of the majority faces a supreme test from the lunatic fringe.

If the rag-bag collection of protesters triumph on Saturday, the Grand National is likely to cease to exist in its present form. Martell, the sponsors, will certainly pull out.

Who then will be the next target? Maybe the millions of freshwater fishermen, some of whom have already been thrown into rivers and canals, along with their tackle, in the name of animal rights, will be made to truly suffer.

At a time when there is little reason to cheer, on or off the sports field, Saturday offers a small opportunity to restore national pride and advertise racing's new-found resolve.

Whatever it takes, the Grand National must go ahead successfully. In the meantime, next Sunday cannot arrive quickly enough.

Dare takes riding honours with four at Ledbury

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

WITH Polly Curling having a relatively quiet afternoon, riding a solitary winner at the Royal Artillery point-to-point, it was the turn of her old rival, Alison Dare, to return to the spotlight.

It was Dare who, seven years ago, first rode four winners in an afternoon, a feat equalled twice this year by Curling. Dare went to the Ledbury with only six successes so far this season, but soon added another four to her total, the most notable being Lover Bill, who continues to show previously undiscovered talent now that he is in the hands of Dick Baimbridge.



Dare: four-timer

There was, to some, an amusing incident here which can only happen in point-to-pointing when Kiltrose Lad and Tender Dancer totally uprooted the portable open ditch when they came to grief on the first circuit of a division of the maiden.

With much waving of hands, the runners pulled up in front of it on the second circuit and the race was declared void as the rule whereby horses can be waved round a fence does not come into force until next season.

At the Vale of Lune, Nenni was one of Richard Ford's three winners. The 15-year-old was probably already unique in having six victories at the same meeting, but now has set a record which is unlikely to be bettered.

Last year's joint junior champion, Andrew Parker, is being hailed in the north as a possible future star of National Hunt racing. On Saturday at the Percy, he rode a treble which included the 5-1 chance No Joker in the restricted.

Kate Bletsoe-Brown had a day to remember at the Woodland Pytchley when Tophatter provided her with her first winner at the first attempt. The former John Edwards-trained novice chase winner, Cliffalda, also gave Meryl Lowndes her first success in the ladies at the North Staffordshire.

The day's sport was marred by William Sporborg's fall on Judy Line in the maiden at the East Essex. He was taken to Stoke Mandeville Hospital with serious back injuries.

Today's Southdown and Eridge meeting at Heathfield has been abandoned due to waterlogging.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: East Kent, Aldington, 6m south east of Ashford (first race 2.00); Essex Farmers and Union, Marks Tey, 5m W of Colchester (2.00); Four Burrow, Wadebridge, 1m W of town (2.00); Morpeth, Tranwell, 3m SW of Morpeth (2.00); North Cotswold, Springhill, 3m S of Broadway (2.00); North Shropshire, Eyton-on-Severn, 6m SE of Shrewsbury (1.30); Old Berkshire, Lockinge, 2m S of Wantage (2.00); South Notts, Thorpe, 3m SW of Newark (2.00). South Pembrokeshire, Lydstep, 3m SW of Tenby (2.00); Staintondale, Charm Park, 5m SW of Scarborough (2.00); Taunton Vale, Kingston St Mary, 3m N of Taunton (2.00); Vine and Craven, Hackwood Park, 2m S of Basingstoke (2.00).

RESULTS FROM 12 MEETINGS

ASHFORD VALLEY (Charing): Hunt: 1, Alzamina (J Best, 2-1); 2, Fifty Bucks; 3, Masada. 5 ran. Club: 1, Wellington Bay (C Newport, 6-4); 2, Miss Martlet; 3, Aleden. 17 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Another Troup (P Bull, 4-6 fav); 2, Topping-The-Bill; 3, Welshman's Gully. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Liberty Square (Mrs E Coveney, 10-1); 2, Maltby Boy; 3, Green Tops. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Magical Morris (P Hacking, 4-5 fav); 2, Foxy Games; 3, Sir Wager. 5 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Saxon Swinger (Mrs I French, 15-2); 2, Stede Quarter; 3, Hunza's Choice. 10 ran.

EAST ESSEX (Marks Tey): Hunt: 1, Dionigi (S March, 1-4 fav); 2, Graceful Vulcan; only 2 finished. 3 ran. Confined: 1, River Melody (T Moore, 5-4 fav); 2, Sound Of Jura; 3, Mr Gossip. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Easy Over (Miss T Bracegirdle, 2-5 fav); 2, Royal Sting; 3, South Sunrise. 6 ran. Open: 1, Melton Park (N Bloom, 1-4 fav); 2, Jimmy Mac Jimmy; 3, Barton Bendish. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Loyal Note (S R Andrews, 2-1 Jt fav); 2, Woodrow Call; 3, Corn Kingdom. 12 ran. Mdn (5-7yo): 1, North Bannister (P Harding-Jones, 8-1); 2, High Plateau; 3, Conifer Boy. 13 ran.

GARTH & SOUTH BERKS (Tweseldown): Hunt: 1, Frere Hogan (P Scouller, 1-3 fav); 2, Glass Mountain; only 2 finished. 2 ran. PPOA: 1, Mister Christian (E James, 4-6 fav); 2, Ovac Star; 3, Grand Value. 5 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Darton Ri (J Maxse, 4-7 fav); 2, Funchen View; 3, Tryumphant Lad. 3 ran. Mdn: 1, Not Quite White (T McCarthy, 3-1); 2, Kiln Copse; 3, Connie Foley. 8 ran. Confined: 1, Heron's Rock (M Portman, 2-1); 2, Lordy Boy; 3, Johnny Rose. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Shamrock Star (J Hawksfield, 5-2 fav); 2, Nilo Su; 3, Captain Jim. 5 ran.

HURWORTH (Great Stainton): Hunt: 1, Dizzy Dealer (N Tutty, 12-1); 2, No Reply; 3, Fathardonseafnend. 7 ran. Rest: 1, Final Hope (Mrs F Needham, 5-2 fav); 2, Mighty Miss; 3, Hydropic. 14 ran. Ladies: 1, Colonel Popski (Miss R Clark, 3-1); 2, Helicarnudwrestler; 3, Air Mark. 9 ran. Open: 1, Regan (N Wilson, 6-1); 2, Elegant Guest; 3, Par Kelly. 11 ran. Mdn I: 1, Prior Conviction (N Tutty, 2-1 fav); 2, Tugra; 3, Gusting Gray. 15 ran. Mdn II: 1, Croxdale Grey (P Jenkins, 3-1); 2, Celtic Blaze; 3, Hungry Jack. 12 ran. Mdn III: 1, Flying Lion (Mrs S Dent, 2-1 fav), 2, Thank U Jim; 3, Celtic Lane. 11 ran. Confined: 1, Park Drift (R Tate, 5-2), 2, Prideaux Prince: only 2 fin. 10 ran.

LEDBURY (Maisemore Park): Hunt: 1, Athletes' Week (D Duggan, 5-1); 2, Yahoo; 3, Plax. 7 ran. Confined: 1, Lover Bill (Miss A Dare, 5-4 fav); 2, Bradford Beau; 3, Millie Belle. 11 ran. Open: 1, Pont De Paix (Julian Pritchard, Evens fav); 2, Lochingall; 3, Proplus. 10 ran. Ladies: 1, Double Handful (Miss A Dare, 2-5 fav); 2, Star Oats; 3, Goodasnew. 5 ran. Rest I: 1, Severn Invader (Miss S Wallin, 33-1); 2, Rons Venture; 3, For Michael. 10 ran. Rest II: 1, Down The Mine (Miss A Dare, 2-1 fav); 2, First Harvest; 3, Queen Of Sparta. 14 ran. Mdn (Div I part I): 1, Di Stefano (Miss A Dare, 7-2); 2, General Pongo; 3, Prince Rockaway. 10 ran. Mdn (Div I part II): 10 ran. Mdn II: 1, Bushfire Moon (J Young, 8-1); 2, Coolmoreen; 3, Just Donald. 14 ran.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE (Sandon): Hunt: 1, Yankee Rhythm (J Welling, 2-1); 2, Hana-Cruse; 3, Barney Rubble. 7 ran. Mdn I: 1, Solar Green (S Brookshaw, 10-1); 2, Sworded Knight; 3, Straight Leader. 16 ran. Mdn (Div II): 1, Ultrason IV (Mrs M Bryan, 12-1), 2, Miss Shaw; 3, April Surprise. 17 ran. Open: 1, Mickley Secretlove (R Burton, 20-1); 2, Konrad Wolf; 3, Bodfari. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Cliffalda (Miss M Lowndes, 8-1); 2, Warleggan; 3, Parkbhride. 7 ran. Confined: 1, Fence Judge (R Burton, 4-7 fav); 2, Carefree Times; only 2 finished. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Churchill Star (N Bradley, 4-5 fav); 2, Charlie Chalk; 3, Ballyday Snow. 13 ran.

PERCY (Alnwick): Hunt: 1, Loughlinstown Boy (Mrs L Marshall, 2-1); 2, True Fair; 3, Captain Lyndsey. 8 ran. Rest: 1, No Joker (A Parker, 5-1); 2, Hallo Sensation; 3, Miss Eros. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Steele Justice (Miss P Robson, 1-4 fav); 2, Marshalstoneswood; 3, Eastlands Monkey. 6 ran. Open: 1, Bellway (C Storey, 6-4 fav); 2, Oceanus; 3, Sovereign Steps. 5 ran. Confined: 1, King Spring (A Parker, 6-4 fav); 2, Second Attempt; 3, Little Glen. 10 ran. Mdn I: 1, Blackhall Mill (A Parker, 7-4 fav); 2, Nennius; 3, Farmers Hay. 11 ran. Mdn (Div II): 1, Hawk Hill Ryde (A Robson, 5-4 fav); 2, Worthy Spark; 3, Linden Bng. 13 ran.

ROYAL ARTILLERY (Larkhill): Hunt: 1, Tinkers Brook (Miss S Kirkpatrick, 8-1); 2, Treble Chance; 3, Arthur's Earner. 8 ran. Open Mdn 5-7yo I: 1, Idiotic (C Vigors, 7-2); 2, Kandy's Swan; 3, Binney Boy. 10 ran. Open Mdn 5-7yo (Div II): 1, Too Handy (Miss P Curling, 6-4 fav); 2, Gromit; 3, Pipers Revenge. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Busteele (R White, 5-1); 2, Winnie Lorraine; 3, The City Minstrel. 6 ran. Intermediate: 1, Mendip Music (N Mitchell, 3-1); 2, Baron's Heir; only 2 finished. 3 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Holland House (C Vigors, 5-4 fav); 2, Canford Palm; 3, Arctic Baron. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Celtic Spark (M Miller, 4-7 fav); 2, Taftazani; 3, Lovers Down. 10 ran. Kings Troop Hunt: 1, Legion (Lt Brig Gilbert, 5-1); 2, Newbury; 3, Natal. 7 ran.

SPOONERS & WEST DARTMOOR (Higher Kilworthy): Hunt: 1, Little Coombe (R Cole, 1-2 fav); 2, Restowest; 3, Christmas Hols. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Coome Hill (Ire) (T Dennis, 2-1 fav); 2, Batsi; 3, Major Job. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Kingsmill Imp (Mrs J Mills, 2-7 fav); 2, Darktown Strutter; only 2 finished. 3 ran. Confined: 1, Benjamin Lancaster (Mrs C Wonnacott, 4-5 fav); 2, Rathmichael; 3, Quenin Lodge. 4 ran. Open: 1, Yiragan (W G Turner): finished alone. Mdn I: 1, Rolster Lady (Miss A Howard-Chappell, 5-4); 2, Laneast Prince; only 2 finished. 3 ran. Mdn II: 1, Buckingham Band (W G Turner, Evens fav); 2, Here's Mary; 3, Tregale. 7 ran.

VALE OF AYLESBURY (Kimble): Hunt: 1, Al's Boy (A Hill, 2-5 fav); 2, Four Rivers; 3, Orval. 3 ran. Confined: 1, Swooping (A Hill, 7-1); 2, Barrica; 3, Larry The Lamb. 4 ran. Open: 1, Fine Lace (G Tarry, 8-11 fav); 2, One More Knight; 3, Tring Park. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Green Archer (Mrs T Hill, 7-4 fav); 2, Mister Gebo; 3, Button Your Lip. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Sunshine-Manor (G Tarry, 3-1 fav); 2, River Galaxy; 3, Sperrin View. 10 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Milled Oats (J Trice-Rolph, Evens fav); 2, Why Not Flopsy; 3, Cool Rascal. 11 ran.

VALE OF LUNE HARRIERS (Whittington): Hunt: 1, Nenni (R Ford, 2-5 fav); 2, Goderemistake; only 2 finished. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Wally Wrekin (R Ford, 7-4 fav); 2, Mister Tuftie; 3, I'll Have That. 13 ran. Ladies: 1, Oakley House (Miss A Price, 1-4 fav); 2, String Player; only 2 finished. 3 ran. Open: 1, Man's Best Friend (R Ford, 1-4 fav); 2, The Artful Rascal; 3, Syrus P Turntable. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Coverdale Lane (P Murray, 3-1); 2, Three Potato Four; 3, Spy's Delight. 12 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Haypio (R Williams, 10-1); 2, Kings Mischief; 3, Royal Tot. 17 ran.

WOODLAND PYTCHLEY (Dingley): Confined: 1, Directly (D Esden, 6-1); 2, Raise An Argument; 3, Oh Why. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Tophatter (Mrs K Bletsoe-Brown, 14-1); 2, Sidewinder; 3, Royal Approval. 4 ran. Hunt: 1, Prince Of Verona (Maj M Watson, 2-5 fav); 2, King Cap; 3, Tramontana. 8 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Write The Music (D Esden, 4-1); 2, Matric; 3, Alpha One. 6 ran. Open Mdn (5-7yo): 1, Asphaltino (T Marks, 5-1); 2, Smart Beat; 3, Chequebook Charlie. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Springhill Spirit (B Pollock, 7-2); 2, General Giggs; 3, Stanwick Fartap. 9 ran.

[illegible]

THUNDERER
2.25 Penny Hasset. 2.55 Queen's Ransom. 3.25 Close To Reality. 3.55 On The Count. 4.25 Winter Coat. 4.55 Self Expression.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.25 Winter Coat.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM STRAIGHT)
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.25 4 PARA BRIGADE HANDICAP
(£2,900: 5f) (11 runners)
1 50-3 NEVER IN THE RED 8 (B,D,F,G) D Nicholls 6-10-0 Alex Greaves 3
2 00-0 OLIFANTSFONTEIN 6 (D,F,G,S) P Calver 6-9-11 S Whitworth 11
3 52-6 JUST BOB 6 (D,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 5-9-6 J Fortune 1
4 0350 PALLIUM 6 (D,F,G) M Naughton 6-9-0 Dean McKeown 4
5 04-2 PENNY HASSET 8 (CD,BF,F,G,S) M W Easterby 6-8-12 T Lucas 6
6 000- SONDERISE 149 (D,G,S) N Tinkler 5-8-10 B Raymond 8
7 64/ MY CHERRYWELL 599 L Lloyd-James 4-8-8 Paul Eddery 2
8 316- STEPHENSONS ROCKET 234 (D,S) J Berry 3-8-9 J Carroll 10
9 00-6 THE INSTITUTE BOY 42 (V,D,G) W Barker 4-8-8 S Webster 7
10 4244 TRIOMING 9 (D,F) A Jones 8-8-5 Dale Gibson 5
11 -540 SO SUPERB 70 (B,D,S) M Dods 5-8-3 W Woods 9
5-2 Penny Hasset, 3-1 Never In The Red, 6-1 Stephensons Rocket, 7-1 Just Bob, So Superb, 8-1 Pallium, Trioming, 10-1 Olifantsfontein, 14-1 others.

2.55 EBF 1 AIRBORNE DIVISION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,900: 5f) (8)
1 BALLARD LIGHT J Wainwright 8-11 Dale Gibson 5
2 BORDESLEY BELLE D Nicholls 8-11 Alex Greaves 3
3 LONGCROFT K Hogg 8-11 Dean McKeown 4
4 QUEEN'S RANSOM P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 S Whitworth 7
5 RICANA W Kemp 8-11 J Lowe 8
6 SEENTHELIGHT D Moffatt 8-11 Darren Moffatt (5) 1
7 STOLEN KISS M W Easterby 8-11 T Lucas 2
8 SUNDAY MAIL LASS J Berry 8-11 J Carroll 6
Evens Queen's Ransom, 3-1 Sunday Mail Lass, 6-1 Stolen Kiss, 10-1 Seenthelight, 12-1 Bordesley Belle, 16-1 Ballard Light, 33-1 Ricana.

3.25 ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND NORTHERN HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £6,840: 7f) (9)
1 601- MR M-E-N 167 (C,G,S) J Berry 9-7 J Carroll 6
2 20-0 CLOSE TO REALITY 9 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 Dean McKeown 8
3 211- ASTRAC 124 (D,G) S Norton 8-8 Paul Eddery 2
4 523- KAITAK 149 (D,S) J Carr 8-7 B Raymond 7
5 433- KID ORY 151 P Calver 8-3 Dale Gibson 3
6 026- DISTINCTIVE AIR 160 (S) E Weymes 8-1 A Garth (5) 9
7 000- BROCTUNE GOLD 153 (C,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-1 Darren Moffatt (5) 5
8 134 SHAREOFTHEACTION 35 (D,G) M Naughton 7-9 C Teague (7) 4
9 -244 OVALWORLD 9 D Nicholls 7-7 J Lowe 1
3-1 Mr M-E-N, 4-1 Astrac, 6-1 Kaitak, 7-1 Shareoftheaction, 8-1 Kid Ory, 10-1 Close To Reality, 12-1 Broctune Gold, Distinctive Air, 14-1 others.

3.55 10 PARA BATTALION MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,580: 1m 4f 93yd) (4)
1 604- ALL IN THE MIND 151 C Thornton 9-0 Dean McKeown 2
2 00- DOCKMASTER 151 J Bethell 9-0 J Carroll 3
3 ON THE COUNT P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 S Whitworth 4
4 000- GOOD EVANS 109 C Booth 8-9 T Lucas 1
2-7 On The Count, 3-1 All In The Mind, 20-1 Good Evans, 25-1 Dockmaster.

4.25 11 PARA BATTALION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,905: 1m) (9)
1 DESERT SYMPHONY 215 A Scott 9-0 B Raymond 3
2 40- IN MY LEAGUE 283 Denys Smith 9-0 C Teague (7) 5
3 KANDYAN J Watts 9-0 N Connorton 6
4 LORD OF A DANCE Mrs M Reveley 9-0 Darren Moffatt (5) 8
5 346- MAGNETIC REEL 206 J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 2
6 222- SWEDISH INVADER 171 A Scott 9-0 J Fortune 7
7 02-2 WINTER COAT 10 J Gosden 9-0 Paul Eddery 1
8 4- KALOU 154 W Elsey 8-9 Dale Gibson 9
9 PHOENIX VENTURE S Woods 8-9 W Woods 4
Evens Desert Symphony, 5-2 Winter Coat, 6-1 Swedish Invader, 8-1 Magnetic Reel, 10-1 Lord Of A Dance, 12-1 Kalou, 14-1 Kandyan, 16-1 In My League, 25-1 Phoenix Venture.

4.55 4 PARA SQUADRON R.E APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,255: 1m) (15)
1 30-4 DELPIOMBO 20 (D,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-9-10 T Kavanagh (10) 11
2 00-0 SELF EXPRESSION 10 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 6-8-10 D Thomas (8) 15
3 306- ACROSS THE BAY 124 (B,F,G,S) T Barron 7-9-8 A Whelan (5) 5
4 605- KEEN AND CLEAN 873 D Moffatt 4-8-4 G Mitchell 12
5 0-00 MAJAL 11 (F) J Wainwright 5-8-2 S Buckley (8) 14
6 -120 WOLF POWER 16 (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-1 G Parkin (3) 1
7 10/0 BIG CHANCE 4 (D,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-1 S Copp (3) 6
8 05-S PUBLIC WAY 4 (CD,G,S) N Chamberlain 4-8-11 P Bowe 8
9 040- THE DANDY DON 256 Denys Smith 5-8-5 C Teague (5) 4
10 500- GOLD DESIRE 168 (D,S) M Brittain 4-7-13 A Eddery (7) 13
11 086- THATCHED 14J (V) R Barr 4-7-12 Ruth Coulter (7) 2
12 305- NEVER SO TRUE 156 P Haslam 3-7-12 C Adamson (8) 3
13 -300 SILVER STONE BOY 45 W Barker 6-7-10 D Denby (7) 9
14 00-0 THROW AWAY LINE 5 R Barr 5-7-10 P Fessey (7) 10
15 0/00 LEOLENE POKEY 66 J Dooler 5-7-7 J Bramhill (5) 7
4-1 Wolf Power, 9-2 Public Way, 5-1 Delpiombo, 6-1 Across The Bay, 7-1 Big Chance, Self Expression, 8-1 The Dandy Don, 10-1 Never So True, 12-1 Keen And Clean, 14-1 Gold Desire, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: J Gosden, 9 winners from 21 runners, 42.9%; A Scott, 4 from 12, 33.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 16 from 97, 16.5%; J Berry, 18 from 112, 16.1%; J Watts, 10 from 63, 15.9%; M W Easterby, 5 from 38, 13.2%.
JOCKEYS: B Raymond, 7 winners from 37 rides, 18.9%; Darren Moffatt, 4 from 22, 18.2%; Dean McKeown, [illegible] from 95, [illegible]; N Connorton, [illegible] from 61, 16.4%; J Carroll, 16 from 111, 14.4%; [illegible] only [illegible]

[illegible]

THUNDERER
2.30 Convoy. 3.05 Calabrese. 3.40 Coxann. 4.15 Dromin Leader. 4.50 Mountebor. 5.25 Bigwheel Bill.
Brian Beel: 3.05 Calabrese. 4.15 Trust The Gypsy.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

2.30 RAYNHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,111: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)
1 /0-4 APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 19 (D,G) K Wingrove 7-11-10 Pat Thompson (7)
2 3655 SEA BREAKER 143 (B,F) D Cantillon 6-11-9 P Murphy (7)
3 5211 PINECONE PETER 17 (V,CD,F,G,S) O Brennan 7-11-8 M Brennan
4 11P2 CONVOY 13 (B,D,F) C Mann 4-11-7 S Smith Eccles
5 00P3 EXPLORATION 19 (F) K Morgan 7-11-0 A S Smith
6 3124 SPANISH WHISPER 17 (CD,G,S) J Bostock 7-10-11 W J Walsh (7)
7 113F RUTH'S GAMBLE 17 (CD,G) Mrs L Jewell 6-10-9 J Callaghan
8 2305 BOZO BAILEY 24 (V) M Tompkins 4-10-5 R Beggan
9 0PFP FATHER'S JOY 13 B Stevens 4-10-0 M Stevens
5-2 Pinecone Peter, 3-1 Ruth's Gamble, 4-1 Convoy, Spanish Whisper, 6-1 others.

3.05 QUEEN'S CUP EASTERN COUNTIES HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £2,596: 3m) (9)
1 2-32 AS YOU WERE 16P (B,D,F) J Turner 12-11-12 Miss Z Turner (7)
2 -3F1 CALABRESE 11 (B,D,F,G,S) N Henderson 9-11-12 M Watson (7)
3 5634 CHERRY CHAP 23P (F,G) J Ibbott 9-11-12 Miss L Hollis (7)
4 -936 FLASHY BUCK 23P (G) S Steam 10-11-12 S Steam (7)
5 84-P LAD LANE 79P (F) J Whyte 10-11-12 M Gingell (7)
6 22PP SAINT BENET 23P (F) G Prodromou 6-11-12 M Jennings (7)
7 1/2- SKYGRANGE 429P (CD,F,G) J Turner 13-11-12 P Harding-Jones (5)
8 5U54 TARA BOY 16P (F) Mrs G Hay 9-11-12 J Ferguson (7)
9 1/05 SPECULATION 17 (F) C Ward 12-11-8 C Ward (7)
□ Form figures include point-to-points
1-2 Calabrese, 5-1 As You Were, 8-1 Skygrange, Tara Boy, 12-1 others.

3.40 EVENT CATERERS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,648: 2m 5f) (11)
1 45FD MIAMI BEAR 125 (S) R Fahey 8-12-0 P Harley
2 2312 HUSO 14 (D,BF,F) P Haslam 6-11-11 J Callaghan
3 26-5 STRAIGHT LACED 21 (B,CD,G) P Clarke 7-11-8 Leesa Long
4 0030 BADASTAN 34 (D,G) T Tate 5-10-8 M Brennan
5 8065 COXANN 107 (B,S) J McConnochie 8-10-6 E Tolhurst (7)
6 21P0 PYRRHIC DANCE 26 (F,G) C Mann 4-10-5 S Smith Eccles
7 R231 BITRAN 24 (G) K Morgan 4-10-5 A S Smith
8 1434 COBB GATE 14 (B,BF,G) B Stevens 6-10-4 M Stevens
9 40-1 CHEAP METAL 39 (B,F,G) R Ingram 9-10-0 R J Beggan
10 P5U- AGIO 679 J Bostock 7-10-0 W J Walsh (7)
11 46P0 SMALLEN 40 Mrs L Jewell 6-10-0 Pat Thompson (7)
2-1 Bitran, [illegible] Huso, 7-1 Cobb Gate, Straight Laced, 8-1 Cheap Metal, 14-1 Badastan, 16-1 Coxann, Pyrrhic Dance, 20-1 others.

4.15 ROBERT HOARE MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £2,508: 2m 110yd) (5)
1 2-36 TRUST THE GYPSY 13 (F,G) J Dutnam 12-12-5 M Felton (7)
2 F5P3 BERKANA RUN 23P (F) J Turner 9-11-11 S Sporborg (7)
3 -220 DROMIN LEADER 8 (G,S) J Turner 9-11-11 P Harding-Jones (5)
4 41UF EXPRESS FRED 30P (G) G Prodromou 8-11-11 M Gingell (7)
5 4-5P PRINCE ENGELBERT 17 Miss H Harris 9-11-11 C Ward (7)
□ Form figures include point-to-points
5-4 Trust The Gypsy, 9-4 Dromin Leader, 7-2 Berkana Run, 16-1 Express Fred, Prince Engelbert.

4.50 BETTY AND HERBERT CASSELL MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,202: 2m 5f 110yd) (9)
1 50-5 EBONY SWELL 19 (CD,G,S) S Campion 13-11-12 P Midgley (5)
2 P312 RAMSTAR 11 (BF,S) C Mann 6-11-10 S Smith Eccles
3 135P BARKISLAND 60 (G,S) P Beaumont 10-11-9 M Brennan
4 412U MOUNTEBOR 27 (D,BF,F,G,S) P Haslam 10-11-4 J Callaghan
5 2314 RUSSINSKY 18 (G) G Bravery 7-10-11 R J Beggan
6 3556 MASTER COMEDY 13 (B,F,S) B Stevens 10-10-8 M Stevens
7 R0/2 SPARTAN RAFT 17 (F) J Whyte 13-10-2 P Murphy (7)
8 04P0 SILENT CHANT 45 (V,F) A Blackmore 10-10-0 Gee Armytage
9 P55P ON YOUR WAY 33 (B,S) Mrs L Jewell 12-10-0 P Harley
2-1 Russinsky, 3-1 Ramstar, 4-1 Mountebor, 6-1 Barkisland, 10-1 Master Comedy, 12-1 Silent Chant, Spartan Raft, 16-1 others.

5.25 ST JOHN AMBULANCE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,570: 2m 110yd) (8)
1 0631 THE CHANGELING 37 (D,G) G Bravery 5-12-0 R J Beggan
2 1421 WORDY'S WONDER 17 (CD,G,S) L Wordingham 6-11-4 Pat Thompson (7)
3 4/5 PIMSBOY 16 (V) G Oldroyd 7-11-2 P Midgley (5)
4 0141 WAMDHA 23 (G,S) K Morgan 4-11-2 A S Smith
5 3052 BIGWHEEL BILL 23 (B,BF) G Pritchard-Gordon 5-10-9 S Smith Eccles
6 0514 HIGHLAND FLAME 46 (BF,G) A Blackmore 5-10-3 Gee Armytage
7 00F TEJANO GOLD 30 P Bradley 4-10-0 J Callaghan
8 0P54 MISS PARKES 39 P Clarke 5-10-0 Leesa Long
9-4 Bigwheel Bill, 5-2 The Changeling, 5-1 Wamdha, Wordy's Wonder, 8-1 Pimsboy, 10-1 Highland Flame, Tejano Gold, 25-1 Miss Parkes.

[illegible]

THUNDERER
2.15 Armashocker. 2.45 Cruising On. 3.15 The Malakarma. 3.50 Miss Simone. 4.25 Dorobo. 4.55 Fox On The Run.
Brian Beel: 3.15 The Malakarma.

GOING: SOFT

2.15 ADSTONE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,934: 2m) (8 runners)
1 F404 OAK PARK 9 (D,G) J Pickering 6-11-10 R Massey (7)
2 32P FUSSY LADY 103 (D,F) Mrs I McKie 7-11-5 L Harvey
3 6P60 THE HIDDEN CITY 32 (D,G) C Trietline 8-11-2 R Farrant (3)
4 P350 ALICE'S MIRROR 58 (V,CD,G,S) T McGovern 5-11-2 S McNeill
5 1005 ARMASHOCKER 38 (D,S) Bob Jones 6-10-13 V Smith
6 UP-5 SUKEY TAWDRY 236 P McEntee 8-10-0 W Elderfield
7 0000 ARTIC MISSILE 20 M Barraclough 7-10-0 Ann Stokell
8 -P0P BAR THREE 9 (B) M Barraclough 5-10-0 W Humphreys
2-1 Armashocker, 5-2 Alice's Mirror, 5-1 Fussy Lady, Oak Park, 8-1 The Hidden City, 16-1 Artic Missile, Sukey Tawdry, 20-1 Bar Three.

2.45 BLAKESLEY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,043: 2m 110yd) (6)
1 0322 SOCIAL CLIMBER 7 (CD,G,S) A Turnell 10-11-11 S McNeill
2 3F0U BUCKSLIGHT 12 (G) T Forster 6-11-3 R Farrant (3)
3 34P4 EMERALD RULER 21 (G) J Webber 7-10-10 L Harvey
4 1445 MAGGOTS GREEN 58 (D,S) J Bradley 7-10-6 T Wall
5 021P CRUISING ON 16 (CD,S) P Dalton 7-10-3 D Winter (7)
6 0/U MERRY MUSE 12 N Gaselee 10-10-0 R Supple
7-4 Cruising On, 9-4 Social Climber, 3-1 Buckslight, 12-1 Merry Muse, 14-1 Maggots Green, 16-1 Emerald Ruler.

3.15 SCHILIZZI 1906 SEVENTY YEARS HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,953: 2m 6f) (4)
1 5310 ARCTIC TEAL 12 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs P Robeson 10-12-0 J Durkan (5)
2 122- BLUE DANUBE 319 (F,S) S Allen 10-12-0 A Martin (7)
3 P544 SPORTING MARINER 13 (D,F,G,S) D Bloor 12-12-0 D Bloor (7)
4 6-33 THE MALAKARMA 27 (BF,G,S) Mrs I McKie 8-12-0 I McKie (5)
□ Form figures include point-to-points
7-4 The Malakarma, 2-1 Arctic Teal, Blue Danube, 8-1 Sporting Mariner.

3.50 PENRHYN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,670: 3m) (12)
1 3P00 ROCHESTOWN LASS 18 (V,CD,G,S) P Dalton 8-11-10 D Winter (7)
2 0460 RED RING 18 (C,S) J Webber 7-11-9 Mr J Durkan
3 1134 NEFARIOUS 19 (G,S) M Campion 8-11-8 M Richards
4 6P2- MISS SIMONE 347 (S) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-7. W Humphreys
5 -04P MORE OF IT 18 (G,S) M Roberts 9-11-7 —
6 20P1 MAKES ME GOOSEY 25 (CD,S) Mrs I McKie 6-11-5 L Harvey
7 -800 LING 32 (G,S) J Needham 9-11-3 T Wall
8 4142 MISS CAPULET 2 (B,D,G,S) T Donnelly 7-11-2 R Massey (7)
9 360 CATS RUN 24 J Upson 6-10-7 R Supple
10 -051 MISTRESS ROSS 21 (F,G) C Thorner 11-10-7 R Farrant (3)
11 000P LOYAL GAIT 30 A J Wilson 6-10-0 K Brown (7)
12 0/0U CHRISTIAN SOLDIER 87 P McEntee 7-10-0 W Elderfield
3-1 Red Ring, 4-1 Miss Simone, 5-1 Nefarious, 8-1 Cats Run, Makes Me Goosey, Miss Capulet, Mistress Ross, 14-1 others.

4.25 ALEX FETHERSTONHAUGH CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,146: 3m 1f) (8)
1 -56P BIT OF A CLOWN 35 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs I McKie 11-12-0 L Harvey
2 2F30 DANDY MINSTREL 61 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-0 W Humphreys
3 U413 SUNBEAM TALBOT 13 (CD,G,S) A Jones 13-10-9 S McNeill
4 520P RED AMBER 13 (V,F,S) S Sherwood 8-10-4 M Richards
5 2031 DOROBO 34 (B,S) T Forster 6-10-0 R Farrant (3)
6 -P43 HOPE DIAMOND 88 (B,S) C Trietline 11-10-0 Peter Caldwell
7 PUP CLONROCHE GAZETTE 13 (G,S) Miss D Baker 14-10-0 Miss S Wallin
8 355P WOODLANDS GENHIRE 55 (V,CD,F) P Pritchard 9-10-0 R Supple
Evens Dorobo, 5-1 Sunbeam Talbot, 6-1 Dandy Minstrel, Red Amber, 10-1 Bit Of A Clown, 14-1 Hope Diamond, 16-1 Clonroche Gazette, 20-1 Woodlands Genhire.

4.55 DUNCOTE MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,583: 2m) (11)
1 0P ADMIRAL BYNG 30 R Dickin 7-11-6 W Humphreys
2 4 COLONEL CLOETE 19 T Forster 6-11-6 R Farrant (3)
3 5 FOX ON THE RUN 25 A Turnell 7-11-6 S McNeill
4 LION ROCK C Egerton 6-11-6 Mr J Durkan
5 0P45 NIGHT FANCY 19 Mrs A Woodrow 6-11-6 J McCarthy (5)
6 0P CLOWN AROUND 45 J Hetsby 6-11-1 Mr A Charles-Jones
7 UP4 DOMITOR'S LASS 21 R Ledger 7-11-1 Mrs N Ledger
8 -P0P FINALLY FANTAZIA 25 (S) Mrs I McKie 5-11-1 L Harvey
9 IZACOMIN D Geraghty 5-11-1 R Supple
10 P00- LENTHALL FOX 352 (S) J Needham 5-11-1 T Wall
11 PR0P BARNIEMEBOY 28 (B) P McEntee 4-11-0 W Elderfield
5-4 Fox On The Run, 4-1 Lenthall Fox, 5-1 Night Fancy, 8-1 Admiral Byng, Lion Rock, 12-1 Izacomin, 14-1 others.

[illegible]

THUNDERER
2.05 Dancing Memories. 2.35 Lyphard's Fable. 3.05 Chaddleworth. 3.35 Memorable. 4.05 Here He Comes. 4.35 Bright Paragon. 5.05 Warhurst.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.05 Warhurst.

GOING: SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.05 LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,898: 5f) (7 runners)
1 DANCING MEMORIES J Berry 8-11 G Carter 3
2 5 DEE-LADY 11 W G M Turner 8-11 D McCabe (5) 5
3 IN LOVE AGAIN M Channon 8-11 A Tucker 6
4 LUGANA VISION D Thom 8-11 E Guest 7
5 MONTSERRAT L Cottrell 8-11 N Carlisle 2
6 RED RIVER ROSE C Hill 8-11 N Adams 1
7 REMONTANT R Hollinshead 8-11 J Reid 4
9-4 In Love Again, 5-2 Dee-Lady, 7-2 Dancing Memories, 8-1 Red River Rose, 12-1 Remontant, 16-1 Montserrat, Lugana Vision.

2.35 B.B.C. C.W.R. HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,976: 1m 2f 169yd) (10)
1 410- SUGAR TOWN 183 (G,S) P Cole 9-7 T G McLaughlin (5) 2
2 60-6 LYPHARD'S FABLE 16 W Haggas 9-2 J Weaver 9
3 800- ROBERO 223 R Lee 9-0 N Adams 1
4 80-3 STOMPIN 20 C Brittain 9-0 B Doyle (3) 10
5 000- BALLYMORRIS 186 B Meehan 8-11 W Newnes 8
6 05-0 UN PARFUM DE FEMME 9 J Pearce 8-9 G Carter 4
7 8-55 BLACK BEED 41 P Cundell 8-8 D Griffiths (7) 7
8 440- JEMIMA PUDDLEDUCK 183 D Arbuthnot 8-4 R Price 6
9 008- GINGERILLO 236 T Mills 7-13 N Carlisle 3
10 5416 LONE RISK 28 (G) C Allen 7-13 G Bardwell 5
5-2 Sugar Town, 3-1 Stompin, 9-2 Lyphard's Fable, 7-1 Robero, 8-1 Un Parfum De Femme, 10-1 Ballymorris, 12-1 others.

3.05 WEST MIDLANDS CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,287: 7f) (4)
1 60-6 ARADANZA 9 (F,S) M Channon 4-9-6 J Weaver 1
2 -986 CEE-JAY-AY 10 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 7-9-6 P Roberts (7) 2
3 602- CHADDLEWORTH 325 (F) P Chapple-Hyam 4-8-12 J Reid 3
4 6 COME ON CHARLIE 8 M Eckley 5-8-10 W Newnes 4
4-5 Aradanza, 2-1 Chaddleworth, 6-1 Cee-Jay-Ay, 33-1 Come On Charlie.

□ Flakey Dove, the Champion Hurdle winner, will be aimed at some of the season's top Flat prizes following her emphatic win in the Cheadle Hulme Stakes at Haydock on Saturday. First, however, she will contest the Martell Aintree Hurdle on Saturday.

3.35 EASTER CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,846: 1m 4f 115yd) (7)
1 32-0 MEMORABLE 9 (V) M [illegible] 5
2 0-06 ALCIAN BLUE 31 R Hollinshead [illegible] 1
3 0-60 COUPLES 34 M [illegible] 6
4 SAFFRON RIVER W G M Turner [illegible] 3
5 0-56 FLORA BELLE 27 Lord Huntingdon [illegible] 2
6 0-22 MISS FREEBIE 31 R Simpson [illegible] 4
7 -004 OLYMPIC BID 31 C Allen [illegible]
6-4 Memorable, 9-4 Miss Freebie, 6-1 Flora Belle, [illegible] Alcian Blue, 14-1 Couples, Saffron River.

4.05 HIGH TENSILE BOLTS HANDICAP
(£3,850: 1m 2f 169yd) (8)
1 /00-0 ANAXAGORAS 35 (G,S) A [illegible]
2 000- ALLESCA 133 (D,S) M Usher [illegible]
3 5484- ADMIRALS SECRET 314 (G) C Wall [illegible]
4 3145/ SYSTEMATIC 621 (G) R Peacock [illegible]
5 123- HERE HE COMES 18J (CD,F,G) R Akehurst [illegible]
6 000- KATY'S LAD 301 (CD,F,G,S) B McMahon [illegible]
7 400- MYFONTAINE 147 (CD,F,G,S) K Burke [illegible]
8 006- TOUCHEE BOUCHEE 93 D ffrench Davis [illegible]
11-4 Here He Comes, 7-2 Myfontaine, 9-2 Admirals Secret, 6-1 Katy's Lad, [illegible] Anaxagoras, 12-1 Allesca, Touchee Bouchee, 20-1 Systematic.

4.35 MARTON HANDICAP
(£3,260: 5f) (8)
1 20-1 LEIGH CROFTER 9 (B,C,G,S) P Cundell 5-10-0 D Griffiths (7) 2
2 5-02 COVENT GARDEN GIRL 7 (D,G,S) W G M Turner [illegible] D McCabe (5) 3
3 012- GIGGLESWICK GIRL 133 (G) M Channon 3-9-4 [illegible] 1
4 056- ANTONIA'S FOLLY 222 (D,S) J Berry 3-9-2 [illegible]
5 6-84 BRIGHT PARAGON 9 (CD,S) H Collingridge 5-8-8 C Hawksley (3) 6
6 8/04- JOHN O'DREAMS 357 (CD,S) Mrs A Knight [illegible] Allen 4
7 314- LITTLE EMMELINE 189 (D,F) L Cottrell 3-8-0 N Carlisle 7
8 -004 GRAND TIME 20 (B,D,F,G,S) C Hill 5-7-8 G Bardwell 5
11-4 Leigh Crofter, 3-1 Covent Garden Girl, 9-2 Giggleswick Girl, 11-2 Bright Paragon, 7-1 Antonia's Folly, 10-1 Little Emmeline, 14-1 others.

5.05 PEARL RUN LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,794: 1m 4f 115yd) (5)
1 100- ALASKAN HEIR 142 (S) D Murray Smith 8-11 A Munro 3
2 3380 MR DEVIOUS 9 (G) C Allen 8-11 G Bardwell 4
3 60-3 PHIL'S TIME 7 T Mills 8-11 W Newnes 5
4 12-3 WARHURST 11 (G) M Tompkins 8-11 P Robinson 1
5 2-2U LYING EYES 7 (S) W G M Turner 8-6 A D[illegible] (7) 2
11-10 Warhurst, 5-2 Phil's Time, 4-1 Lying Eyes, 6-1 Alaskan Heir, [illegible] Mr Devious.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: P Chapple-Hyam, 9 winners from 35 runners, 25.7%; A Scott, 4 from 19, 21.1%; R Akehurst, 5 from 27, 18.5%; L Cottrell, 4 from 22, 18.2%; J Berry, 17 from 103, 16.5%; C Brittain, 4 from [illegible], 13.3%.
JOCKEYS: K Rutter, 3 winners from 16 rides, 18.8%; K Darley, 4 from 24, 16.7%; J Reid, 8 from 52, 15.4%; A Munro, 7 from 63, 11.1%; N Carlisle, 4 from 38, 10.5%. (Only qualifiers)

[illegible]

THUNDERER
2.15 Sovereign Niche. 2.50 Jailbreaker. 3.25 Olympian. 4.00 Kiwi Velocity. 4.35 Miss Souter. 5.10 Collier Bay.

GOING: HEAVY

2.15 INDEPENDENT CELLARS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,937: 2m 1f) (7 runners)
1 23F0 DJEBEL PRINCE 16 (CD,G,S) C Egerton 7-11-10 J Railton
2 311- TAKE TWO 303 (D,F,G,S) J White 6-11-10 M A Fitzgerald
3 -212 SOVEREIGN NICHE 26 (V,BF,G,S) M Pipe 6-10-12 R Dunwoody
4 1450 SANDRO 54 (B,D,F,G,S) R Baker 5-10-7 D Salter (5)
5 01P5 ROCKY BAY 28F (G) B Llewellyn 5-10-2 Mr J Llewellyn (7)
6 0535 MILDRED SOPHIA 7 (CD,S) N Mitchell 7-10-0 Miss S Mitchell (7)
7 50-5 PIONEER PETE 125 R Frost 7-10-0 J Frost
9-4 Djebel Prince, 5-2 Take Two, 3-1 Sovereign Niche, 9-2 Sandro, 16-1 Rocky Bay, 25-1 Mildred Sophia, 33-1 Pioneer Pete.

2.50 HAPPY SHOPPER HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,081: 2m 5f) (4)
1 1122 KALANSKI 51 (CD,G,S) C Egerton 8-11-10 J Railton
2 113U JAILBREAKER 12 (C,G,S) B Millman 7-11-4 R Dunwoody
3 2-2P THE LAUGHING LORD 69 (F,G,S) M Pipe 8-11-2 M A Fitzgerald
4 2653 CHANCERY BUCK 11 (C,F,G) R Frost 11-10-6 J Frost
5-4 Kalanski, 6-4 Jailbreaker, 10-1 The Laughing Lord, 16-1 Chancery Buck.

3.25 [illegible] HANDICAP HURDLE
([illegible]) (4)
1 -308 OLYMPIAN 19 (B,D,F,G) M Pipe 7-12-0 R Dunwoody
2 -634 BALLY CLOVER 97 (BF,G,S) N Henderson 7-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
3 4204 FOX CHAPEL 10 (B,S) R Juckes 7-10-8 N Jukes (7)
4 6536 LASTING MEMORY 30 (C,D,F,G,S) R Frost 8-10-0 J Frost
4-6 Olympian, 5-2 Fox Chapel, 7-2 Bally Clover, 25-1 Lasting Memory.

4.00 TAUNTON CIDER NOVICES CHASE
(£2,670: 3m 2f 110yd) (4)
1 -421 SALLY'S GEM 17 (G,S) J White 9-11-9 M A Fitzgerald
2 2U21 KIWI VELOCITY 12 (B,S) P Hobbs 7-11-4 R Dunwoody
3 U-2P SENEGALAIS 139 (S) R Frost 10-11-3 J Frost
4 54 HALF A MO 151 (F) C Nash 9-10-12 J Railton
4-7 Sally's Gem, 9-4 Kiwi Velocity, 12-1 Half A Mo, 16-1 Senegalais.

4.35 LYONS TETLEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,910: 2m 6f) (5)
1 4432 MOBILE MESSENGER 16 (S) D Barons 6-11-13 N Jukes (5)
2 P004 MISS SOUTER 16 H Howe 5-10-6 D Burrows (7)
3 0-P2 CRAZY DAISY 12 (G) W G M Turner 7-10-2 T Murphy (7)
4 36P- MISHY'S STAR 23P (B) A Forte 12-10-0 D Salter
5 3/0 SCARED STIFF 26 (B) D Burchell 6-10-0 —
6-4 Crazy Daisy, 5-2 Mobile Messenger, 4-1 Miss Souter, 12-1 Scared Stiff, 16-1 Mishy's Star.

5.10 THURLESTONE HOTEL NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,892: 2m 1f) (5)
1 41 COLLIER BAY 31 (S) J Old 11-5 T Grantham
2 5606 MY SISTER LUCY 13 (D,G) Mrs A Knight 11-0 M A Fitzgerald
3 PRIMO PRINCE 685F R Frost 10-12 J Frost
4 0 FREE HANDOUT 12 M Kessor 10-7 J Railton
5 STRIKE-A-POSE 34F B Llewellyn 10-7 Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
4-7 Collier Bay, 5-2 Strike-A-Pose, 6-1 My Sister Lucy, 8-1 Free Handout, 10-1 Primo Prince.

[illegible]RTON

THUNDERER
2.30 Roger's Pal. 3.00 Simwell. 3.30 Wonderful Years. 4.00 Private Audition. 4.30 Royal Square. 5.00 Vagador.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES)

2.30 EASTER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,015: 2m 4f) (10 runners)
1 3261 ROGER'S PAL 17 (C,G,S) A Moore 7-11-10 [illegible]allagher
2 1101 BAYLORD PRINCE 2 (G,S) R Hoad 6-11-0 M Hoad
3 0562 VILLA PARK 14 (F,S) G Wareham 12-10-13 [illegible] Perrett
4 -40P ENBORNE LAD 21 (D,G,S) G Enright 10-10-8 [illegible] Dickson
5 -000 LUCKY OAK 13 (F,G) R Rowe 8-10-4 C Burnett-Wells (5)
6 0006 ST ROBERT 17 T McGovern 7-10-0 [illegible]ourigan
7 0-03 ACROSS THE CARD 14 A Moore 6-10-0 [illegible]'Sullivan
8 /0-5 CONNABEE 14 J Poulton 10-10-0 J Rowell
9 PPP5 SHIKARI KID 16 (V,F,S) R Thompson 7-10-0 [illegible] Green
10 3350 DO BE WARE 2 J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-0 [illegible]urphy
7-4 Villa Park, 3-1 Roger's Pal, 100-30 Baylord Prince, 5-1 Connabee, [illegible] Across The Card, 10-1 Shikari Kid, 12-1 St Robert, 14-1 others.

3.00 HOLIDAY MAIDEN CHASE
(£2,360: 2m) (6)
1 UP-0 HIGH BEACON 75 (B,BF) K Bailey 7-11-7 D [illegible]agher
2 44-3 IDLEIGH'S STAR 2 A Moore 10-11-7 D [illegible]ullivan
3 22-F POWERSURGE 13 J Poulton 7-11-7 Rowell
4 00-P SIMWELL 53 F Murphy 6-11-7 Hourigan
5 4005 GREEN WALK 14 R Rowe 7-11-2 C Burnett-Wells (5)
6 6255 PRIVATE JET 35 J Ffitch-Heyes 5-11-0 Murphy
2-1 Powersurge, 5-2 High Beacon, 4-1 Green Walk, 8-1 Idleigh's Star, 12 Private Jet, 20-1 Simwell.

3.30 JOHN HARE MAIDEN HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,543: 2m 1f) (5)
1 2056 BOLD STAR 26 (B) M [illegible] 11-0 Perrett
2 00 RUN TO AU BON 17 A Moore 11-0 D [illegible]agher
3 0 SMUGGLER'S POINT 111 J Bridger 11-0 D O'[illegible]
4 8U54 WATER DIVINER 13 K Wingrove 11-0 M [illegible]rigan
5 0000 WONDERFUL YEARS 81 J Ffitch-Heyes 11-0 E [illegible]rphy
5-4 Bold Star, 7-4 Run To Au Bon, 6-1 Wonderful Years, 10-1 Water Diviner, 16-1 Smuggler's Point.

4.00 EASTER CLAIMING CHASE
(£2,364: 2m) (4)
1 5244 AT PEACE 17 (F,G) J White 8-11-6 M Ho[illegible]
2 4PPP CEDAR RUN 38 (D,F,S) G Charles-Jones 11-10-10 Mr J O'Shaughnessy (7)
3 3314 GENERAL MERCHANT 2 (B,D,F,G,S) R Hodges 14-10-10 W [illegible]
4 4324 PRIVATE AUDITION 17 (D,F,G,S) F Murphy 12-10-10 D Gallagher
4-6 Private Audition, 3-1 General Merchant, 4-1 At Peace, 20-1 Cedar Run.

4.30 MARTIN WYNN NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,746: 3m 1f 110yd) (3)
1 6341 ROYAL SQUARE 14 (CD,G,S) G Harwood 8-11-10 M Perrett
2 -4U2 FREDDY OWEN 14 J White 8-10-10 D Gallagher
3 4-6U GINGER DIP 14 Miss N Berry 12-10-6 M Hourigan
4-5 Royal Square, 5-4 Freddy Owen, 16-1 Ginger Dip.

5.00 MANHATTAN BOY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,320: 2m 4f) (6)
1 -402 VAGADOR 16 (C,G,S) G Harwood 11-12-0 M Perrett
2 6006 SOMERSET DANCER 81 (G,S) J Bridger 7-10-1 D O'Sullivan
3 5032 POLLY MINOR 13 G Enright 7-10-0 C Burnett-Wells (5)
4 B235 STRONG JOHN 24 (G) F Murphy 6-10-0 D Gallagher
5 3-52 SHANAKEE 14 J Ffitch-Heyes 7-10-0 E Murphy
6 5060 GRAND COLONIST 2 R Dean 7-10-0 M Hourigan
Evens Vagador, 3-1 Shanakee, 7-2 Strong John, 10-1 Polly Minor, 12-1 Somerset Dancer, 20-1 Grand Colonist.

[illegible]

THUNDERER
2.15 Brackenfield. 2.45 Erlemo. 3.20 Opal's Tenspot. 3.55 Curtain Factory. 4.30 Kytton Castle. 5.00 Terrible Gel. 5.30 Stir Fry.

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT BACK STRAIGHT)

2.15 ANCOMB NOVICES CHASE
(£2,861: 2m 4f) (7 runners)
1 13UF BRACKENFIELD 33 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-12-7 P Niven
2 0604 GOLDEN BANKER 20 J Wade 6-11-7 D Ryan (7)
3 6R03 GRAZEMBER 12 P Beaumont 7-11-7 C Hawkins
4 P/06- HIGHLAND RALLY 430 M Avison 7-11-7 L Wyer
5 -P3U LE BUCHERON 17 (BF,F,G) M Ryan 8-11-7 J Ryan
6 5083 MASTER'S CROWN 23 (F,G,S) M Chapman 6-11-7 W Worthington
7 -634 TRENTSIDE MIST 23 C Smith 6-11-7 M Ranger
2-5 Brackenfield, 6-1 Grazember, 7-1 Master's Crown, 10-1 others.

2.45 RASE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,938: 2m 1f 110yd) (9)
1 30F33 IMAN 2 (BF) R O'Leary 5-11-10 F Leahy (7)
2 20F5 JOLI'S GREAT 7F (B,G) M Ryan 6-11-9 J Ryan
3 6302 CHARLYCIA 14 (V,CD,G) T Carr 6-11-6 M Clarke (7)
4 04-P POLISH RIDER 17 Mrs D Haine 6-11-6 C Rogers (7)
5 6252 ERLEMO 24 (V) W Clay 5-11-1 K Johnson
6 326P MINI FETE 32 K Burke 5-10-10 P Niven
7 4434 NEGD 89 (B) S Gollings 4-10-7 L Wyer
8 0P06 ANNIE CARTER 24 C Smith 5-10-2 M Ranger
9 U040 MILLIE 20 (B) J Mooney 6-10-0 M Robinson
7-2 Iman, 4-1 Erlemo, Joli's Great, 5-1 Charlycia, 6-1 Negd, 10-1 Mini Fete, 12-1 Polish Rider, 16-1 Annie Carter, 20-1 Millie.

3.20 WEST LINDSEY EASTER CUP
(Novice handicap chase: £3,522: 3m 1f) (10)
1 2111 DEVONGALE 9 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 8-11-10 L Wyer
2 -115 OPAL'S TENSPOT 18 (BF,F,G,S) J Bradley 7-10-13 P Niven
3 2662 COUNT SURVEYOR 24 P Cheesbrough 7-10-8 K Johnson
4 250F SHELTON ABBEY 19 (F,G,S) J Wade 8-10-5 J Supple (5)
5 0231 NAWRIK 9 (G) L Lungo 5-10-0 F Perratt (5)
6 6F22 DARK OAK 28 J Curtis 8-10-0 L O'Hara
7 0420 TRAVEL BOUND 9 J Parkes 9-10-0 F Leahy (7)
8 15P4 CANTGETOUT 51 (CD,S) C Pinney 8-10-0 Mr A Pickering
9 0052 MILD 20 Mrs V Aconley 8-10-0 C Hawkins
10 0052 JENNY'S GLEN 9 B Rothwell 7-10-0 D Meredith (3)
9-4 Devongale, 3-1 Nawrik, 9-2 Opal's Tenspot, 7-1 Count Surveyor, 10-1 Dark Oak, 12-1 Shelton Abbey, 14-1 Travel Bound, 16-1 others.

3.55 ROSELAND GROUP HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,253: 2m 3f 110yd) (13)
1 1350 ELEGANT KING 12 (G,S) A Jarvis 5-12-0 T Jarvis
2 6806 SPROWSTON BOY 16 (F,G,S) M Chapman 11-11-13 W Worthington
3 0242 WAKE UP 52 (F,G,S) R O'Leary 7-11-1 F Leahy (7)
4 -122 MY SWAN SONG 116 (C,F,G) J Smith 9-11-0 S Wynne [illegible]
5 4160 MYTHICAL STORM 69 (G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-13 P Niven
6 31PP/ MARA ASKARI 884 (G) J Harris 6-10-12 B Dalton
7 4325 INTEGRITY BOY 12 (B,C,F,G,S) R O'Leary 7-10-12 O Pears
8 0251 IN TRUTH 17 (G,S) M Hammond 6-10-10 D Meredith [illegible]
9 6012 CURTAIN FACTORY 17 (C,BF,G,S) M H Easterby 5-10-8 L Wyer
10 -125 BAHRAIN QUEEN 27F (CD,F,G) C Smith 6-10-7 M Ranger
11 FP5P GLASS VALE 10F (V,F) C Fairhurst 6-10-7 C Hawkins
12 2354 SCRABO VIEW 26 (B) J Curtis 6-10-0 L O'Hara
13 0240 THE CAN CAN MAN 19 J Mooney 7-10-0 M Robinson
4-1 In Truth, 9-2 My Swan Song, 5-1 Curtain Factory, 6-1 Wake Up, 8-1 Mythical Storm, Integrity Boy, 12-1 Bahrain Queen, Elegant King, 14-1 Scrabo View, 16-1 Sprowston Boy, 20-1 others.

4.30 PRO-LEC ELECTRICAL EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,618: 2m 3f 110yd) (9)
1 -001 NATIVE FIELD 11 (F,S) Jimmy FitzGerald 5-11-10 F Leahy [illegible]
2 2123 ALI'S ALIBI 34 (BF,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-5 P Niven
3 2200 KYTTON CASTLE 9 (G,S) R Dickin 7-11-5 D Meredith [illegible]
4 -022 BANCHORY 28 M W Easterby 5-11-0 L Wyer
5 0680 HICKSONS CHOICE 14 J Wade 6-11-0 D Ryan [illegible]
6 F- KAMADORA 16P S Campion 7-11-0 C Hawkins
7 604 RAYLEO 12 Capt J Wilson 5-11-0 S Wynne [illegible]
8 5-0 THEYDON PRIDE 24 K Clutterbuck 5-11-0 P Naughton
9 RP MANDY LOUISE 68 A Jarvis 6-10-9 T Jarvis
2-1 Native Field, 9-4 Kytton Castle, 7-2 Ali's Alibi, 6-1 Banchory, 14-1 Rayleo, 20-1 others.

5.00 EASTER BUNNY HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,444: 2m 1f 110yd) (6)
1 3253 DR ROCKET 2 (BF,F,G,S) R Dickin 9-11-10 D Meredith (3)
2 1P-P1 WHITWOOD 24 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 9-11-7 C Hawkins
3 U533 TERRIBLE GEL 9 (D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-2 P Niven
4 3238 DEEP DECISION 24 (CD,G) P Cheesbrough 8-10-5 K Johnson
5 1481 SPOONHILL WOOD 16 (B,S) J Wharton 8-10-1 B Dalton
6 33F4 SILVER HAZE 19 (D,F,S) J Wade 10-10-0 L O'Hara
3-1 Deep Decision, 7-2 Terrible Gel, Whitwood, 9-2 Dr Rocket, 5-1 Spoonhill Wood, 10-1 Silver Haze.

5.30 EBF STAKES
(National Hunt flat race: £1,800: 1m 5f 110yd) (17)
1 ASK FOR BARNEY B Rothwell 5-11-2 J Supple (5)
2 0 CONNAUGHT'S SECRET 28 Mrs D Haine 6-11-2 C Hogg (7)
3 HOLIDAY HOME P Beaumont 6-11-2 B Grattan (7)
4 OYSTER SNATCHER R O'Leary 5-11-2 K Davies (7)
5 0 UNCLE BENJI 159 J Parkes 5-11-2 Miss V Haig (7)
6 0 HIGHLAND HEIGHTS 68 C Smith 6-10-11 D Meredith (3)
7 0-0 PARSON'S LODGE 18 L Lungo 6-10-11 F Perratt (5)
8 00 SKI PATH 18 N Bycroft 5-10-11 D Ryan (7)
9 LINLATHEN R Fahey 4-10-10 A Bates (5)
10 2 OUR MAIN MAN 12 R Whitaker 4-10-10 S Wynne (5)
11 ROBINS PRIDE Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-10 F Leahy (7)
12 4P SABBAQ 13 Mrs S Lamyman 4-10-10 Mr B Crawford
13 2 STIR FRY 24 (BF) C Thornton 4-10-10 S Taylor (7)
14 0 TERRINGTON 58 M W Easterby 4-10-10 J Driscoll (7)
15 00 BRIGG FOLLY 24 J Thorpe 4-10-5 Annette Bliss (7)
16 0 CHEEKY CHIMP 24 S Campion 4-10-5 Mr A Pickering
17 KILNAMARTYRA GIRL J Parkes 4-10-5 E Husband (5)
9-4 Our Main Man, 3-1 Stir Fry, 7-2 Robins Pride, 6-1 Parson's Lodge, [illegible] Sabbaq, 12-1 Ask For Barney, 14-1 others.



OPERA page 30
Eugene Onegin: a fine baritone in Peter Coleman-Wright, but one hardly exploited

ARTS

BOOKS page 31
Sir Leon Brittan: our man in Brussels speaks out about the kind of Europe Britain needs



THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** finds a contemporary resonance in a Forties tale of American trickery and hanky-panky

Cheerful art of corruption

Johnny on a Spot
Olivier

It is the eve of an important election, and the candidate is nowhere to be seen. His aides scurry round town, expecting to find him dead drunk in some dive or other. Instead, they discover him dead dead in a brothel, tearfully guarded by his mistress, the madame. Hostile newsmen gather, sensing yet another scandal. What is to be done to preserve his, their and the party's reputation?

No, this is not a preview of the tabloid front pages the day before our forthcoming Euro-elections. Nor are members of our governing party once again on sexual autodestruct. You are listening to an outline of the first act of an American play that flopped on its premiere in 1942, presumably because the plot seemed farfetched. To that the riposte now seems obvious. Ha, ha. Or to put it more emphatically: ha, ha, ha.

The author is Charles MacArthur, who wrote *The Front Page* with Ben Hecht. Maybe this solo effort does not generate quite as much fun as that marvellous comedy, but Richard Eyre's production runs it pretty close at times, and for some of the same reasons. *Johnny on a Spot*, too, exudes a cheerful cynicism, a mischievous glee in the arts of hustling, deceiving and fixing. And here, too, the trickery gets more desperate, the hubbub more feverish, until you half-expect the entire affair to launch into orbit, fuelled by the sheer energy of American corruption.

The setting is Huey Long country: specifically, a Southern state controlled by Democratic demagoguery in the form of the alcoholic governor Jefferson Upjohn or, as he is called, "Johnny, the Robin Hood of Dixie". The opposition is already slapping writs on him for hanky-panky involving bonds and a suspiciously underbuilt hospital for pregnant women. No wonder his cronies get nervous when he fails to arrive in time to make the broadcast that should ensure the voters elevate him to the United States Senate.

The evening's most hilarious scene duly ensues. A bent judge (James Grout), with a nice capacity for misreading hand signals, comes to the mike to introduce what the listeners think is Johnny but is, in fact, a series of 78s pre-recorded by the man himself. One moment all is sumptuous cornball rhetoric, the next the whole state is eavesdropping on intimate conversations between its governor and his favourite whore (Diane Langton). With this embarrassing live broadcast also turning out to be embarrassingly posthumous, it is clear that Johnny's campaign manager, Nicky Allen, has a PR problem to out-Watergate Watergate itself.

Maybe it is implausible that this slicker should put himself in jeopardy of jail dealing with it; but then MacArthur protagonists find risk and danger exhilarating. At any rate, Mark Strong's sharp, smart Nicky not only covers up the death but exploits it, doing his damnedest to get the dead man elected. In this endeavour he faces troubles galore: a rapacious mistress, a disappearing corpse, hostile cops, pushy reporters and Barry Stanton as a newspaper magnate in a ludicrous grey-and-yellow Confederate hat.

Does he prevail? That I must leave you to discover. The effort is well worth it; and for those who admire dramatic guile as well as for those who like American brashness. Why, for instance, does Michael Bryant, playing Johnny's chosen successor as governor, first appear with a fidgety macaw on his wrist? Just for fun? No, his eccentric birdmanship turns out to have its relevance to the plot, too. Think bodies. Think vultures. Altogether, there is plenty here to enjoy.

DONALD COOPER



Mark Strong as the sharp, smart campaign manager and Janie Dee as the governor's secretary in *Johnny on a Spot*

RECITAL

One from the heart

Richard Goode
Queen Elizabeth Hall

RICHARD Goode began that epic journey of great pianists, the cycle of Beethoven's sonatas, with an impressive recital last Thursday. Only the most accomplished musician should even think about attempting this expedition. But there is no questioning Goode's ability to see into these pieces, to sustain his (and our) level of concentration, and to stride from work to work with calm assurance.

Goode is neither a Brendel nor a Pollini. His playing wears its heart on its sleeve, openly rejoicing in Beethoven's inventiveness rather than internalising and consciously spiritualising it. Yet this music admits either stance, and a pianist of Goode's intelligence, vision and inspiration finds enlightenment at every corner and, moreover, projects it. His belatedly achieved high reputation on this side of the Atlantic is thoroughly deserved.

Wisely, he has organised his programmes with no particular regard to chronology, key-patterns or any other definable parameter, save that the first sonata, *Op 2 No 1* in F minor, comes first and the last will eventually come last. The lightness of the opening sonata's first movement stressed its relative conciseness, yet there was nevertheless plenty of urgency, countered by a slow movement of seemingly infinite flexibility and exquisite control and by a carefully paced, dark-edged minuet.

Already he had shown us a plethora of pianistic colours, using the full palette of the modern instrument without any hint of the coarsening of tone to which other pianists too readily resort. His tendency to succumb to the emotional pull of a line echoes his approach to Schubert — intense, perhaps now and again with a touch too much licence, but also deeply honest and in the end beguiling. And, as the tempestuous finale of this work demonstrated, where virtuosity is the issue there are no problems.

After the F minor Sonata came that in E major, Op 14 No 1, whose own finale, a joyous romp, strangely hinted at deeper things before signing itself off with disquieting abruptness, and whose opening movement, showing perfect balance of voices, alternated gracefully shaped phrase and dramatic flourish. Goode then turned to the B flat Sonata, Op 22, in his hands a textural exploration par excellence, to a thundering "Pathétique" Sonata leavened by a slow movement of rare poignancy and sonority, and finally to the A major Sonata, Op 101, into whose complex terrain he led us with the certitude born of genuine communion with the music's creator.

There are two more recitals in this first series, on Wednesday and April 26; Goode plays the remainder of the sonatas in two series, this autumn and next spring.

STEPHEN PETTITT

A modern love story hits the winning note

What does it take to be the young composer of the year? TV producer **Simon Broughton** *set out to discover who makes music and why*

Tim Benjamin is 18. He's tall, dark and wears a Siouxsie and the Banshees jacket and size 15 boots. His sister Elise is 16 and is engaged to her boyfriend Rob, who's 25, although her parents don't exactly approve.

Nothing unusual about that, except that Tim, a budding young composer, has written *Antagony*, a large-scale piece dramatising the situation and it has won the Lloyds Bank Young Composers Award. As a result, the piece was performed recently by the London Sinfonietta and appears on BBC television today along with the various protagonists and "antagonists" who inspired it.

The music is dramatically scored for four instrumental ensembles with log drums spaced between them. "*Antagony* is about two equal and opposite forces," says the composer. "These are my sister and her fiance and the situation they're in. They are depicted by two wind bands — she on the left, he on the right. Their feelings for each other are represented in the string section. The onlookers, gossips and those that plague the relationship are represented in the four log drums. The parents and their opinions are represented by the rest of the percussion section."

The piece is contemporary in that the music is approachable and includes punchy writing for four saxophones and brass with a real rhythmic drive. The sheer spectacle and volume are compelling — the two wind bands often conflict with each other, there are some heavy parental blows on the percussion and a complex web of rumours on the log drums. So what of the drama behind it all?

Tim and Elise's father, Adrian Benjamin, is a striking, modern vicar, organising fetes and shows in his parish arts centre. His wife, Martine, is a French teacher. They are far too liberal-minded to be judgmental about Elise's choice of boyfriend.

Rob works as a roadsweeper. He is direct and refreshing, if a little unreliable. We had arranged to film him at work on North Finchley's High Street early one Sunday morning, but after a heavy night's drinking he failed to make it to the depot. This didn't impress Tim's parents, and there seems to be no shortage of material for the antagonism of the score.

"One of the contrasts of the piece is the difference between Elise and Rob," says Tim. "Rob lives in a council house and he comes from a less well-off social background than my sister. He has had to strive for everything, while my sister has had everything given to her. She lives in a nice big house, a vicarage."

"There's no disapproval of this particular relationship," says Tim's mother. "I mean Rob is a friend just like there have been many friends — and there will be, I hope." (Embarrassed laughter). "We haven't given them an engagement present," adds his father.

In fact, the real disruption of the relationship in the piece comes not so much from the parents, but from the log drums: the "gossips and rumourmongers". These, it seems, are friends and contemporaries of the young couple. "It was people telling lies, people trying to split us up," says Rob. "It was jealousy, because me and Elise were getting on so well. I mean a lotta people round here ain't got a steady girlfriend and they're just trying to spoil it. That's all gone out the window now and I'm glad about that."

Tim's father is philosophical about the piece: "Relationships exist in the imagination and that's the exciting thing as far as the music is concerned. The relationship, or whatever it was to start off with, has obviously taken wing in Timothy's thought and has now taken wing in music and that's great. Who wants to know about the real Héloïse and Abélard, Romeo and Juliet and Anthony and Cleopatra? They live on in literature and it would be nice if this lived on in music." (Since the programme was recorded, however, Elise and Rob have split up.)

Antagony made a big impact in the competition. As the composer Steve Martland, one of the judges, pointed out, it is very much a piece of the 1990s, unlike most of the other works in the competition. The other winner of a £1,000 prize was Oscar Bettison for *Nina ahogada en el pozo* (The Little Girl Drowned in the Well). This, a much more sophisticated piece than the Benjamin, was based on a poem by Lorca.

It begins with a simple song for girl's voice which is taken up by a string trio and we are led into an extraordinary imaginative world. The scoring is very economical, but full of colourful sounds, sometimes growing out of the images of the poem, but also suggesting a deeper link between the tragedy of the girl in the well and the death of Lorca himself. At one point the harsh disjointed pizzicato of the trio sounds like a tortured Spanish guitar; there's a tumultuous climax and a quiet magical ending. The girl's voice returns with the repeated sound of a small bell and percussion suggesting the distant sound of the sea.

It is evocative moments like this that make the music reverberate in the imagination for longer than *Antagony*, for all the drama of the vicar and the roadsweeper.

● *Simon Broughton's film* So You Want To Compose?, *part of the* Young Musician of the Year *series, is broadcast today on BBC2 at 2.50pm*



Art imitating life: Tim Benjamin (centre), the 18-year-old composer, with his sister Elise and (left) friend Rob Davies

DANCE: An Agnes de Mille classic staged by Birmingham Royal Ballet and, right, unsuitable diversions from another American

More chain saw than Chekhov

Fall River Legend
Covent Garden

THIS is not one of your chocolate-box ballets. A gallows stands in one corner, a blasted tree spreads its black claws against a stormy sky, a small green-dressed woman shrinks in horror. She is the accused, Lizzie Borden of Fall River, Massachusetts, who in 1892 famously took an axe and hacked her father and stepmother to death.

Agnes de Mille's ballet, created in New York in 1948, is familiar to London audiences from visiting American companies, but Birmingham Royal Ballet is the first British ensemble to mount it. (One assumes this event did not precipitate the deaths of de Mille and her designer Oliver Smith, who both died months after BRB announced its intention.) Some say *Fall River Legend* is not a patch on her best-known ballet, *Rodeo*: but I don't see thigh-slapping cowboy high spirits sitting comfortably on British dancers. Critics describe as derivative the choreography and Morton Gould's commissioned score; but the ballet strikes me as a perfect match for BRB's dramatic inclinations.

DEE CONWAY



Doomed lovers: Joseph Cipolla and Marion Tait

Of course you have to accept that it is closer to chain-saw movies than Chekhov. Lizzie seizes the axe that has fascinated her for so long and enters the family house; the sky turns as crimson as the blood that spatters her girlie white dress; the incidental music lurches into a final paroxysm of debauched shrieks. What the ballet lacks in understatement it makes up in characterisation and structure.

BRB's artistic director, Peter Wright, has rightly seen it as a terrific vehicle for his senior ballerina, Marion Tait. Tait's directness of movement cuts through all surface distraction, her eyes seem like dark holes in a white skull-face, she is a clawing silhouette, knotted and feverish. Our Lizzie has had a difficult life, but she is not quite normal either. She never got over her mother's death, as shown by the anguish of the younger Lizzie (Sandra Madgwick). She hates her stepmother (Karen Waldie), in her armoured black dress and tight expression of one who has just sucked a lemon. She denotes her detestation with gestures like vomiting: and then becomes a crabbed bundle of fury and anguish as she watches her stepmother scuppering her courtship with the kindly pastor (Joseph Cipolla).

The choreography contrasts Lizzie's tense down-pulled expressionist movement with the carefree, balletic dance of neighbouring couples, the summery girls as light as butterflies. Also clever is the flashback framework, each episode vividly charting Lizzie's path to murder. Oliver Smith's setting of wooden, movable walls is simple and visually powerful.

The BRB cast give their all, practised in picturing the less savoury underside of life through Kenneth MacMillan, who later took up the genre. One of his jollier works, though, ended the bill: *Elite Syncopations*, which seems to have lost its sense of happy community, the dancers sitting like frigid guests at a formal tea party. Monica Zamora, who led, has lovely bold outlines, but needs to project the part's cruel raffishness more. Like everybody else, she was more at home in the sweeping lyricism of *Serenade* which started the evening.

NADINE MEISNER

Shame about all the fiddle-faddle

Diversions
Bloomsbury

PERHAPS some people enjoy being shouted at by a bunch of mediocre actors. Not me. In fairness, verbal acting is not what these performers have been trained for. They are the members of Diversions Dance Company, so blame the American choreographer, Terry Beck, for inciting them to carry on so unsuitably.

The scene begins with scarcely audible muttering, and as the volume increases the seven voices overlay each other. Eventually one woman can be heard telling us that she is very cheeky, and proving it with a view of her bottom, then discussing the size of her bust, and finally, after much wriggling and pointing, declaring that she could not stand it much longer. By that time, I felt the same and was inclined to leave.

As if able to detect my rebellious thoughts, suddenly the whole cast started ranting and screaming — by now, of course, quite unintelligibly again. Well, that sort of nonsense used to be frequent in second-rate dance theatre, so I could have forgiven it more easily as a quaint old-fashioned aberration if the rest of Beck's *Collecting Gravity* had not been equally derivative and amateurish.

There was one mildly interesting solo near the beginning, and a delicately affectionate little duet near the end. But there was also much fiddle-faddle with umbrellas symbolising shelter, and apples, representing sustenance, and large sheets of crumpled brown paper to hide behind or dress themselves in.

For contrast, the programme needed something really dancey, but Roy Campbell-Moore's *Straight Jacket* provided mostly funny walks and bits of jigging around. The theme was that the dancers all had individual selves desperately longing to get out, symbolised by the coloured linings of their drab grey jackets. A backcloth with dozens more such jackets hung all over it was quite striking, and Kathryn Locke's jaunty playing of her own jolly but repetitive cello solos provided the main attraction.

JOHN PERCIVAL



TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE: David Calder faces Penny Downie over the scales in David Thacker's award-winning production from Stratford Barbican, Silk Street EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews began tonight, 7.15pm Opens April 6, 7pm

LORCA, AN EVOCATION. A fusion of words, song and dance in celebration of one of this century's greatest poet dramatists, from Trader Faulkner and his company, Spanish Arts Festival Lilian Baylis, Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue EC1 (071-278 8916). Previews tonight, 7.45pm Opens tomorrow, 7pm; until April 23.

THE WEEKEND Michael Palin's richly comic and sentimental work stars Richard Wilson as the eternal grouch, living in happily disgruntled retirement with his long-suffering wife, played to perfection by Angela Thorne. Wimbledon, The Broadway SW19 (081-540 0362) Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm.

BBC LUNCHTIME CONCERT: A welcome interlude from Hausermusik with Crusell's Clarinet Quartet and Mendelssohn's Octet in E flat Op 20 St John's, Smith Square SW1 (071-222 1061). Today, 1pm

ELSEWHERE

BLACKPOOL. Millicent Martin, Anna Charleston and Carmen Silvera star as three sparkling widows of a certain age in **The Cemetery Club**, Ivan Mancall's fast-paced, acerbic comedy. Grand, Church Street (0253 26372). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, 2pm and Sat. 2.30pm.

BROMLEY: Penelope Keith stars as the aristocratic Twenties novelist Elinor Glyn, in Hollywood and confronted with Clara Bow as the very model of the latest phenomenon, the "flapper". Glyn & It is Ken Hoare's latest play, directed by Richard Cottrell. Churchill, High Street (081-460 6677). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

GLASGOW: Previously located in Norwich and Sheffield, the consistently ambitious **SOUND CITY 94** now descends here. Most of the big action takes place at the Tramway but there is lots going on elsewhere. King Tut's Wah Wah Hut will be showcasing new Scottish talent all week and the Mitchell Theatre will present performances by acoustic bands and songwriters, including Michelle Shocked. Plus club nights at the Glasgow School of Art; the stage outside the HMV shop in Sauchiehall Street provides a focal point for the festival as a whole. **The Ticket Centre**, Candleriggs or by credit card (041-227 5511). Today-Sat.

STRATFORD: An evening of outstanding theatre is on offer from the RSC tonight. Derek Jacobi and Cheryl Campbell collide in Adrian Noble's remarkable production of **Macbeth**; plus Ayckbourn's mix of hilarious despair with grim laughter as fantasy-game addicts come to grief in **Wildest Dreams**. **Royal Shakespeare**, Macbeth; **Swan**, Wildest (0789 295623).

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life, Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) **British Museum.** Deities and Devotions: Hindu Art, Contemporary Netsuke (071-636 1555) . . . **Festival Hall:** The Thirties, Anxiety and Escapism (071-928 3002) . . . **Hayward:** Salvador Dali/Unbound . . . **Kenwood House:** Caro's Trojan Wars (081-348 1286) . . **National Portrait Gallery:** Annie Liebovitz: Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII (071-306 0055) . . . **National Gallery:** Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321) . . . **Royal Academy of Arts:** Goya; Art of the Ancient World; The Unknown Modigliani, closes today (071-439 7438) **Tate:** Picasso; Writing on the Wall; women artists (071-887 8008) . . . **V & A.** Fabergé; The Golden Age 1730-1760; brass inlaid furniture (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **ANGELS IN AMERICA:** Religion, sex, Aids, corrupt politics: a vision of America at the edge of disaster. Tony Kushner's award-winning *Millennium Approaches* and its sequel *Perestroika*. **National** (Cottesloe), South Bank. SE1 (071-928 2252). *Perestroika*, tonight 7pm. *Millennium*, tomorrow 7pm.

BEAUTIFUL THING: Young love, gay and straight, on a Thamesmead estate. Last year's Bush production, recast **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat,4pm. Until April 23.

◪ **FASCINATING AIDA.** The clever girls are back with a load of new targets waiting for the satirical FA treatment. Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat April 9. 5pm. Final week.

GHOSTS: Katie Mitchell's powerful production from last year's Stratford. Jane Lapotaire, Simon Russell Beale and John Carlisle head the cast. Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891) Now previewing, 7.15pm Opens Wed. 7pm

☐ **JANE EYRE:** Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in Fay Weldon's puzzling version of the well-known melodrama. Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3pm

☐ **HOT SHOE SHUFFLE:** Hit Australian musical about seven tap dancing brothers and their tangle footed sister. Exuberantly done and very slick, with lots of Big Band music. **Queens**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **JOHNNY ON A SPOT.** Farcical satire about whitewashing a US politician. Charles MacArthur's 1942 play sounds timely. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm.

■ **A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY:** Helen Mirren and John Hurt head a great cast for Turgenev's classic of love, jealousy and self-deception. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

900 ONEONTA: Opening night for David Beaird's Deep South drama: a dying patriarch dismays his descendants with the fanciful stipulations of his will. **Lyric Studio**, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 8701). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm; mats Sat, 4.30pm.

☐ **SEPTEMBER TIDE:** Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion stars Susannah York as the decent woman in love with her son-in-law (Michael Praed) **Comedy**, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm. Until April 30.

☐ **TRAVESTIES:** Stoppard's dazzler transfers from its sell-out season at the Barbican. Antony Sher as the Consul playing fast and loose with memory. **Savoy**, Strand WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **An Absolute Turkey:** Globe (071-494 5085) . . . ◪ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . . ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ☐ **Carousel.** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) . . . ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ☐ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) . . . ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-416 6060) . . . ☐ **Me and Mamie O'Rourke:** Strand, final week (071-930 8800) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ☐ **Oleanna:** Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ☐ **Plaf:** Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . . ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BACKBEAT (15): Bouncy, toe-tapping story of the fifth Beatle, Stuart Sutcliffe. With Stephen Dorff, Sheryl Lee and Ian Hart. Director, Iain Softley. **Odeon West End** (0426-915 574)

BELLE EPOQUE (15): Bucolic, flimsy period comedy from Spain, this year's Foreign Film Oscar winner. With Jorge Sanz; director, Fernando Trueba. **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865) **Gate** ◪ (071-727 4043) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520)

GRIEF. Behind-the-scenes troubles of a tacky TV show. Modest, amusing gay comedy from new director Richard Glatzer. With Craig Chester and Alexis Arquette. **ICA** ◪ (071-930 3647)

◆ **KALIFORNIA** (18): Hollow and horrible road movie, with Brad Pitt and Juliette Lewis as hillbilly passengers on a cross-country trip to hell. **MGMs: Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

REDHEADS (15): Australian whodunnit with fancy trappings but a gauche plot stars Claudia Karvan; director, Danny Vendramini. **Plaza** ◪ (0800 888 997)

THE SCENT OF GREEN PAPAYA (U): Visually exquisite portrait of a Saigon servant girl, made in France. Impressive debut by director Tran Anh Hung. **Electric** ◪ (071-792 2020) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

THE THING CALLED LOVE (15): Low-key tale of youngsters hoping for Nashville fame. River Phoenix's last film, with Samantha Mathis. Peter Bogdanovich directs. **National Film Theatre** (071-928 3232)

CURRENT

◆ **THE AGE OF INNOCENCE** (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stilted love in old New York. Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona Ryder. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE ARISTOCATS** (U): Avaricious butler threatens feline Parisians. Pleasant but less than classic Disney cartoon from 1970

MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **BEETHOVEN'S 2ND** (U): Overly bland family fun with six St Bernard dogs. Rod Daniel directs Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hunt, and an army of four-legged friends. **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **COOL RUNNINGS** (PG): Cheerful comedy about the Jamaican bobsled team at the 1988 Winter Olympics. John Turteltaub directs John Candy, Leon and Doug E. Doug. **MGMs: Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

THE JOY LUCK CLUB (15): Handsome but shallow version of Amy Tan's novel about Chinese-American families and culture. Wayne Wang directs an accomplished ensemble cast. **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **MGM Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

MY LIFE (12): Michael Keaton, dying of cancer, makes a video scrapbook for his future offspring. Dubious schmaltz from the writer of "Ghost", Bruce Joel Rubin. With Nicole Kidman. **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE HOUSE OF THE SPIRITS** (15): Highbrow soap opera from Isabelle Allende's epic novel about a Latin-American family's power and passions. With Jeremy Irons, Glenn Close, Meryl Streep. Director, Bille August. **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **Empire** ◪ (0800-888 911) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE PELICAN BRIEF** (12): Law student Julia Roberts is trailed by hired killers and the FBI. Sleek, fatuous version of John Grisham's novel, co-starring Denzel Washington. Director, Alan J. Pakula. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **PHILADELPHIA** (12): An Aids victim's fight for justice. Compromises galore but dynamically told. With Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington; Jonathan Demme directs. **Barbican** ◪ (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **SCHINDLER'S LIST** (15): German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the camps. Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg co-stars Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley. **Barbican** ◪ (071-638 8891) **Empire** ◪ (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (071-727 6705) **Plaza** (071-437 1234) **Screen/Hill** ◪ (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

SHORT CUTS (18): Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Bruce Davison, Tim Robbins, Matthew Modine and Lily Tomlin. **Chelsea Cinema** (071-351 3742) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **SISTER ACT 2: BACK IN THE HABIT** (PG): Whoopi Goldberg returns to the wimple. Unwise, dawdling, preachy sequel to a one-off hit. **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

LES VISITEURS (15): Crude, raucous time-travelling comedy, a huge hit in France. Director, Jean-Marc Poré. **Plaza** (0800 888997)

OPERA: ENO's efficient new staging of Tchaikovsky's opera misses the heart of the work

New light, but little illumination

Eugene Onegin
Coliseum

MUCH of the ENO's new *Onegin* is very prettily lit by Jenny Cane, which is one of the few positive things to be said about last Thursday's opening.

The original plan was to revive Graham Vick's 1989 production, one of that director's few misfires. In the event, the revival director Julia Hollander was allowed to mount a completely new production at minimal cost. Fotini Dimou's sets are based on picture frames and painterly cloths, spare but practical. Some of the costumes, credited to Tabra Kharibian, will do nicely; others won't, looking as if they were assembled from granny's dressing-up cupboard at the very last minute.

So what visual pleasure there is derives from Cane's painting-with-light: late-summer hues for the harvest scene, fanciful shadowplay in indigo for Tatyana's Letter Scene, some neat cross-fades and cinematic "wipes" for Onegin's rejection of Tatyana's fatal missive, a warm overall red for Mme Larina's party. It looked as though time had run out by the last act: the finale needs to be properly lit before the next performance — wrinkled gauzes are not atmospheric, and while there may be compelling dramaturgical reasons for casting bright light on Onegin's backside for much of the climactic duet, audiences might prefer to be able to see the man's face.

Hollander's production works efficiently enough as narrative, but there has to be more to *Onegin* than that. What lies behind the lines? What is the music saying in Onegin's cucumber-cool aria of rejection? What motivates his behaviour at Larina's dance? The potential of that fine baritone Peter Coleman-Wright, singing the title role for the first time, was hardly exploited. Lensky was just a tenor, Tatyana an oddly undemonstrative volcano of suppressed feeling. If as much attention had been paid to such vital matters as to the placement of four chairs for Triquet's serenade, we might have been getting somewhere, and in the context of general economy it seemed odd to engage 18 unnecessary dancers and then to load them with peculiar choreography (the St Petersburg Polonaise, all head-jerks and fan-work, looked like a Russo-constructivist production of *The Mikado*).

DONALD COOPER



Peter Coleman-Wright and Cathryn Pope: Julia Hollander's production exposes the cast's shortcomings

Had the staging penetrated closer to the heart of the work, less unflattering light would have been shed on what was a fairly decent house cast, no more. Coleman-Wright only started to do himself justice in the last act. Words are incidental to Cathryn Pope's voice production, not central; no wonder Patricia Payne's Nanny had to ask Tatyana repeatedly for instructions as to what to do with the letter, otherwise she might well have delivered it to Lady Macbeth. Again, if Pope sang words, less unflattering light would be shed on tone that seldom blooms, frequently turns strident.

Bonaventura Bottone, hampered by one of the nastiest wigs seen out of captivity for decades, went through tenorial motions as Lensky. The best singing came from Eiddwen Harrhy's poised Mme Larina and Edward Byles's elegant Triquet, and there was an especially pungent Zaretsky from Mark Richardson. Both he and Coleman-Wright enunciated the Lloyd-Jones translation with fatal clarity: it has done sterling service for 23 years, but is in desperate need of revision. Translations can date very quickly.

The greatest single disappointment was the young Kirov conductor, Alexander Polianichko. As with the stage action, we were given the notes but little more. The phrasing was stolidly wooden, unyielding and disjointed, the dances constricted by Victor Sylvester-style strict-tempo. The music failed to take off, the overall temperature — in this of all operas — icy-cold until the finale, which started to gather steam. The fact that the protagonist also came to life there may hold out some hope for future performances. But not too much, I fear.

RODNEY MILNES

CONCERTS: South Bank triumph for a fine soprano; too much Rachmaninov in Liverpool

Drama on a grand scale

LP/Gatti
Festival Hall

THE last time Jane Eaglen should have sung at the Festival Hall she was indisposed: this time it was she who took over, at short notice, for the ailing Sharon Sweet — and patience was rewarded.

In the scena and aria, "Ah, perfido!" which Beethoven wrote as an essay in the grand operatic style while under the tutelage of Salieri, this outstanding young dramatic soprano was a match for the composer's own startling virtuosity. As Deidamia calls down the fury of the gods upon Achilles, who is about to desert her, so Eaglen hurled her voice like a poisoned spear into the heart of every desperate question. Deidamia's realisation that she still loves the hero coaxed a descending line of mercy out of Beethoven, and a perfectly controlled shading into half-voice from Eaglen as she prepared for an aria in which every note, every phrase rang out, firmly in place.

The triumph of the evening, though, was Eaglen's performance of Wagner's *Wesendonk-Lieder*. Few dramatic sopranos ever quite achieve that sense of intense intimacy within breadth of scale which characterises Wagner's love song settings of Mathilde Wesendonk's own poetry. Eaglen exploited the robust health of her voice to engage with every detail of the richly variegated orchestral texture, matching the live, green translucency of the strings in "In the Hothouse" and living fully within each word's imaginative space in the final *Tristan*-esque "Dreams".

The evening's conductor, Daniele Gatti, has seldom appeared above ground, as it were, in Britain: primarily an opera conductor, and music director of the Accademia di Santa Cecilia in Rome, he has generally been heard and not seen in the orchestra pit at Covent Garden. His direction of the London Philharmonic in accompanying Eaglen was masterly: so much so that the thought of Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony after the interval felt almost like too much of a good thing.

But a very good thing it was. Gatti took a big-scale, overtly rhetorical view of the work. The opening *Moderato* lived slowly and within large inverted commas, its melody near-operatic, its every contour meticulously prepared and deeply felt. The slow movement was heavily grotesque, rather as if the band of the Carabinieri had suddenly turned up. But the symphony pressed on, in deeply concentrated playing, with scarcely a break between movements for the disruptions of a particularly noisy audience. Those with ears to hear will not quickly forget this performance: Signor Gatti must return to London's concert platform soon.

HILARY FINCH

From Russia with gloom

RLPO/Hickox
Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool

THE trouble with Rachmaninov's Symphonic Dances is that, highly attractive though the material is, they are dangerously long. Unless the orchestral performance is unfailingly brilliant and the conducting unfailingly vital in rhythm, every succeeding beat keenly anticipated in the last, an audience might well find itself questioning the composer's judgment.

By the interval of Richard Hickox's concert in the Philharmonic Hall, after not only the Symphonic Dances but also Stravinsky's Danses Concertantes — the latter inserted presumably as a refreshing contrast before more large-scale Rachmaninov in the second half — the question seemed more relevant than ever.

Paradoxically perhaps, because the Stravinsky score is so tightly organised, the conductor can afford to be a little indulgent with it, as he was on this occasion, bringing out the lyrical charm of the piece as well as its rhythmic wit and structural ingenuity. An indulgent treatment of the more indulgent score coincided with not entirely reliable and not quite virtuoso playing from the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. It was a pleasingly civilised performance, illuminated from time to time by an inspired individual contribution, but less than rigorous in balance and less than convincing in transitional passages.

In including the Symphonic Dances and *The Bells* in the same programme, Hickox was taking a considerable risk. There are 27 years between the two works but they still have much in common, not least Rachmaninov's persistent obsession with the Dies Irae. The situation was not eased, moreover, by the withdrawal of two of the three soloists originally engaged. Happily, though he displayed some of the more familiar and less welcome characteristics of the Russian tenor, Alexander Nacumenko added some idiomatic authority to the performance, as well as his own kind of lyrical commitment, and Judith Howarth offered some lovely sounds in the second movement.

The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir was not very well integrated into the overall texture and obviously not very comfortable with the Russian text, but it did not fail to produce the radiance which is its most attractive quality. The bright choral colours in the third movement made an effective background to the dark and shapely lines of the cor anglais solos and the impressively grim valedictions of the bass soloist, Alastair Miles, as Rachmaninov so gloomily looks for consolation at the end.

GERALD LARNER

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 071 836 3161 (24hr) **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** Thu 7.30 EUGENE ONEGIN

OPERA IN VIENNA. For free guide & tickets call Austria On-Line 071-494 7390.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 071 240 1066/1911. Tickets avail on the day. Stand-by info 836 6503. **THE BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET** Tonight 7.30 Sylvia. Wed 7.30 Serenade/Fall River Legend/Elite Syncopation.

THEATRES

ADELPHI
"Andrew Lloyd Webber's Amazing Technicolor Sunset" Los Angeles Times
SUNSET BOULEVARD
RE-OPENS ON THURS AT 8PM WITH THE AWARD-WINNING LOS ANGELES PRODUCTION
24HR CREDIT CARD BOOKINGS CALL 071 344 0055 (bkg fee)
GRP BOOKING 071 413 3302 (bkg fee)
NO BKG FEE FOR PERSONAL CALLERS AT THE ADELPHI BOX OFFICE
Recorded information 071 379 8884
Mon-Sat 7.45 Mats Thur & Sat 3.00
April 7, 8 & 9 at 8.00

ALBERY THEATRE 071 867 1115/1111 cc 24hr 071 344 4444
HELEN MIRREN JOHN HURT
AND JOHN STANDING
A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY
Directed by Bill Bryden
Evgs 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sats 3.00

ALDWYCH 071 836 6404/CC 497 9977 Group Sales 071 930 6123
"THEATRICAL PERFECTION" Today
BARRY FOSTER MARGARET TYZACK and RICHARD JOHNSON
The Royal National Theatre's production of J.B. Priestley's
AN INSPECTOR CALLS
"A CLASSIC PIECE OF THEATRE" Sun Times
Tue-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 5pm & 8.15pm, Wed Mat 2.30pm

AMBASSADORS 071 836 6111 cc 071 497 9977
Nominated BEST COMEDY 1994 Olivier Awards
"VERY FUNNY" The Independent "SUPERB" F.T.
APRIL IN PARIS
by JOHN GODBER
Tues-Sat 8pm, SUN 4pm, Mats Thurs 3pm & Sat 5pm
NOW BOOKING UNTIL JUNE

APOLLO VICTORIA cc 071 416 6043 cc 24hrs 071 344 4444/071 497 9977 Grps 071 416 6075/071 413 3321
"Andrew LLoyd Webber's New production of
STARLIGHT EXPRESS
"A REBORN THEATRICAL DELIGHT" Daily Mail
White knuckle runs 10.45 daily
Tue & Sat 15.00 Tickets from £10.00
EXTRA MAT THURSDAY AT 3.00

ARTS THEATRE BO 071 836 2132 CC (24hr, no bkg fee) 071 344 4444
ANORAK OF FIRE
THE LIFE AND TIMES OF GUS GASCOIGNE TRAINSPOTTER
"Superb...Glorious" D Tel.
"Hilarious...A Gem" S Times
Tues-Fri 8pm. Sat 6 & 8pm

CALL 071-481 1920
To place your entertainment advert in THE TIMES

COMEDY BO/CC 071 867 1045/ 071 344 4444/071 497 9977
Susannah York Michael Praed
"Magical" "A revelation"
Daily Mail Daily Telegraph
Daphne Du Maurier's
SEPTEMBER TIDE
"Gripping, beautifully acted, thoroughly entertaining, a classic" D.Tel
Mon - Sat 8. Mats Wed 3, Sat 5

DOMINION Ticketlines 071 416 6060 071 497 9977 (bkg fee). Grps 071 416 6075/413 3321/240 7941
GREASE
Starring CRAIG McLACHLAN and DEBBIE GIBSON
FROM 12-19 APRIL DANNY ZUKO WILL BE PLAYED BY SHANE RICHIE
"A monster hit" Daily Mirror
Eves 7.30pm Mats Wed & Sat 3pm
Some standing room avail daily
NOW BOOKING TO JAN 1995

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL cc (bkg fee) 24hr 7 days 071 494 5000/344 4444/240 7200/379 9301 Grps 831 8525/494 5454
MISS SAIGON
"THE CLASSIC LOVE STORY OF OUR TIME"
NOW IN ITS 5TH FABULOUS YEAR!
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm
Good seats avail for Wed Mat & some perfs - apply B.O. FOR TELEPHONE/POSTAL BOOKINGS/PERSONAL CALLERS
071 494 5060 BKG FEE

DUCHESS cc 071 494 5070 cc 344 4444 (no bkg fee)/836 2425 (bkg fee) 071-413 3321 Eves 8pm, Wed mat 3pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30
NOW IN ITS 4th YEAR
"A SAUCY COMEDY" E. Std
DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER
"Gloriously Outrageous" T.Out

DUKE OF YORK'S THEATRE 071 836 5122 cc 836 9837 24hrs/7 days 836 3464, 344 4444
Denis Lawson Michaella Fahley
OLEANNA
by David Mamet
Directed by Harold Pinter
If you haven't seen it, you can't argue about it
Eves 7.30, Thur Mat 3, Sat Mat 4
Olivier Award nomination Best Play

FORTUNE BO & CC 071 836 2238 CC 497 9977 (24hrs No fee) 344 4444 (No fee)/ Grps 930 6123
"A REAL THRILL OF HORROR" Sun Times
JOHN NETTLETON BRIAN DEACON
Susan Hill's
THE WOMAN IN BLACK
Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt
Eves (not Mon) 8 Mats Tue 3 Sat 4

GLOBE BO/CC 494 5065/497 9977
THE PETER HALL COMPANY
FELICITY KENDAL GRIFF RHYS JONES
AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY
"Sir Peter Hall's brilliantly paced production of Feydeau's masterpiece-Absolutely fabulous-A triumph from start to finish"D Exp "Delicious" Ind
Mon-Sat 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00

HAYMARKET 071 930 8800 cc 071 344 4444/497 9977 (bkg fee)
"One of the funniest, most entertaining men in the world" S. Express
AN EVENING WITH PETER USTINOV
24 PERFORMANCES ONLY
From April 19.

HER MAJESTY'S 24hr 494 5400 (bkg fee) CC 344 4444/497 9977 (bkg fee) Group Sales 071 930 6123
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
Directed by HAROLD PRINCE
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00
NOW BOOKING TO 17 DEC 1994
APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS
Special signed perf 9 April 3pm

LONDON PALLADIUM BO/CC 071 494 5020/344 4444 (21 tkt serv chg) Grps 071 413 3321
JONATHAN PRYCE in LIONEL BART'S
OLIVER!
OPENS 15 NOVEMBER

LYRIC, Shaftesbury Ave Bo & cc 071 494 5045 cc 071 344 4444 All tel lines 24hr/7 days (bkg fee). cc 497 9977 Grps 071 930 6123
The Joint Never Stops Jumpin
FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
THE OLIVIER AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL
4TH GREAT YEAR
Mon-Thu 8 Fri & Sat at 5 & 8.45

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 081 741 2311 or 071 836 3464 (24hrs/no bkg fee) FINAL WEEK ! FASCINATING AIDA Mon-Sat 7.45 (Sat Mat 5pm)
LYRIC STUDIO 081 741 8701. From 30 Mar, 900 ONEONTA Eve 8pm (4 Apr 7pm). Sat mats 4.30pm.

NATIONAL THEATRE BO 071 928 2252 Grps 071 620 0741; 24hr cc bkg fee 071 497 9977
OLIVIER
Ton't 7.15 JOHNNY ON A SPOT Charles MacArther. Tomor 7.15 THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS Kenneth Grahame adapted by Alan Bennett.
LYTTELTON
Ton't 7.30, Tomor 2.00 & 7.30
SWEENEY TODD Music by Stephen Sondheim, book by Hugh Wheeler from an adaptation by Christopher Bond.
COTTESLOE
Ton't 7.00 PERESTROIKA Tony Kushner. Tomor 7.00 MILLENNIUM APPROACHES Tony Kushner

NEW LONDON Drury Lane BO 071 405 0072 CC 071 404 4079 24hr 344 4444. Grps 930 6123
THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL
CATS
Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.00
LATECOMERS NOT ADMIT
TED WHILE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION, PLEASE BE PROMPT.
Bars open at 6.45
LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL.
DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

PALACE THEATRE 071-434 0909 cc 24hrs (bkg fee) 071-344 4444/497 9977/071 768 1000
Group Sales 071 930 6123
Groups 071 494 1671
THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR MUSICAL
LES MISERABLES
Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30
Latecomers not admitted until the Interval
LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL.
DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

PHOENIX BO/CC 867 1044/867 1111/344 4444 (fee) 497 9977
BEST MUSICAL
ALL 4 MAJOR AWARDS
WILLY RUSSELL'S
BLOOD BROTHERS
STEPHANIE LAWRENCE with CARL WAYNE
"ASTONISHING" S Express
...Brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval" D Mail
Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

PICCADILLY BO/CC 867 1118/ 1111/ 071 344 4444/071 497 9977
THE PETER HALL COMPANY
"ELAINE PAIGE is
PIAF
Astonishing...tremendous, funny, tender, stupendous...powerful, majestic, unstoppable"D.Exp
"MAGNIFICENT"Gdn
A musical play by PAM GEMS
Directed by PETER HALL
Eves 8.00 Mats Wed, Sat 3.00
Matinee Lorraine Brunning will play the role of Piaf.

PLAYHOUSE BO/CC 071 839 4401
JANE EYRE
Adapted by Fay Weldon
"Epic...an enthralling, haunting piece of theatre" D Exp.
RECORD BREAKING SEASON EXTENDED
ALL SEATS £10!
Except Sat Evening
Mon-Sat 7.45 Mats Thu & Sat at 3.00

CALL 071-481 1920
To place your entertainment advert in THE TIMES

SHAFTESBURY BO & CC 071 379 5399 CC 071 344 4444 24hr/bkg fee Grps 413 3321
* RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S MASTERPIECE * S. Times
CAROUSEL
" A ONCE IN A DECADE EVENT" D. Tel
Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30
PLEASE NOTE latecomers will not be admitted for 40 minutes

ST MARTIN'S 071-836 1443. Special CC No. 344 4444. Eves 8.0 Tues 2.45. Sat 5.0 and 8.0
42nd Year of Agatha Christie's
THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND BO/CC 071 930 8800 24hr cc 071 344 4444 (no bkg fee) Grps 071 413 3321
DAWN FRENCH JENNIFER SAUNDERS
ME & MAMIE O'ROURKE
by Mary Agnes Donoghue
"Sublime Comic Genius" D.Mail
Dir by Robert Allan Ackerman
LAST WEEK - MUST END SATURDAY
Mon-Thur 8, Fri 8.45, Sat 5.45 & 8.45

STRAND BO/CC 071 930 8800 24hr cc 344 4444 (no bkg fee) Grps 930 6123/413 3321
RICHARD WILSON ANGELA THORNE
in MICHAEL PALIN'S COMEDY
THE WEEKEND
Directed by Robin Lefevre
Prev's 26 April. Opens 3 May

To place your ENTERTAINMENT advert in THE TIMES
TRADE 071-481 1920
FAX 071-481 9313
TELEX 925088
PRIVATE 071-481 4000

VAUDEVILLE BO/CC 836 9987 CC 497 9977 (No Fee) OPENS WED Evenings 7.45 Mat Wed & Sat at 3.00
Zoë Wanamaker
Niall Buggy Beatie Edney
David Haig Danny Webb
in DEAD FUNNY
A New Comedy by Terry Johnson

VICTORIA PALACE Box Off & cc (No bkg fee) 071 834 1317 CC (bkg fee)071-344 4444/497 9977 Groups 071 930 6123
* BUDDY *
The Buddy Holly Story
"BRILLIANT" Sun
* BUDDY *
"WONDERFUL STUFF" Sun Tel
* BUDDY *
Mon-Thur 8.00 Fri 5.30 & 8.30 Sat 5.00 & 8.30.
ALL SEATS ½ PRICE
FRIDAY 5.30 PERF
5TH FANTASTIC YEAR
OVER 1900 PERFORMANCES
BOOKING TO APRIL '95

WYNDHAMS 071 867 1116 cc 071 867 1111/344 4444 (no bkg fee) 497 9977 (bkg fee)
Some people think they can get away with Murder!
ROPE
by Patrick Hamilton.
Previews from Wed. Opens April 11

To place your ENTERTAINMENT advert in THE TIMES
TRADE 071-481 1920
FAX 071-481 9313
TELEX 925088
PRIVATE 071-481 4000

TO PLACE YOUR
ENTERTAINMENTS
ADVERTISEMENT IN
THE TIMES
TRADE ADVERTISERS
TEL: 071-481 1920
ADVERTISING FAX NO. 071-481 9313
TELEX 925088
PRIVATE ADVERTISERS
TEL: 071-481 4000
YOU MAY USE YOUR ACCESS, AMEX, DINERS OR VISA CARD

هكذا من الأصل

Sir Leon Brittan's inspiring abstractions fail to reassure **Colin Welch** about our future in Europe

Our man in Brussels

It is fortunate that the name and benignly reassuring features of the author appear on the dustjacket. Otherwise we might suppose this compilation to be verbal material extruded by some user-friendly computer or, as actually seems partly true, by an enlightened committee of the Euro good and great.

"Very much a collaborative effort", muses Sir Leon, Vice-President of the European Commission. It puts forward ideas he has been "mulling over for a long time" in talks "with a very wide variety of people in public and academic life, in the media in Europe and beyond". "The ideas were then winnowed down and produced in their present form ... by extensive discussions with ... my personal staff in Brussels." Finally the ideas were "hacked" into a form publishable as we see, if not easily readable.

Not perhaps in such company, nor by such means, are *radiant visions likely to* materialise in shapes irresistibly attractive to others, though the word "vision" is often on the lips of Sir Leon and his earnest collaborators.

It appears constantly, with many others of those vaguely inspiring abstractions by which politicians hope to elicit from their peers what the late Henry Fairley called wurra-wurra noises, expressing if not frantic enthusiasm at least decorous assent. They include vigorous and imaginative, challenges (to be faced up to, of course), agenda (huge, but not impossible), idealism (needful, not to be despised), opportunities (to be seized with both hands), democracy (of course) *moderation* (to be *judiciously combined* with vision), clarity (of purpose), unity (of resolve) and so on and on.

To leaven the resultant lump, Sir Leon adds a few metaphors, presumably intended to be reassuring or illustrative, homely or picturesque. Notably and mercifully absent, unless I err, is the famous European train. We were repeatedly adjured not to miss it, to occupy the *driving seat and seize the controls. Has it* been delayed by points failure or by shortage of staff? Or cancelled, or forgotten in some remote siding?

Present and correct is the inevitable playing field, either level or to be levelled. A new metaphor appears for the European Union, seen by some (Sir Leon thinks wrongly) as a meddlesome housemaid officiously dusting away the cobwebs and by breaking the family china.

EUROPE: the Europe we need
By Leon Brittan
Hamish Hamilton, £17.99

How many of Sir Leon's potential readers have housemaids and family china? Perhaps they do in Brussels. Sir Leon is paid *some* £150,000 per annum.

A mysterious muddling metaphor, derived perhaps from some television wildlife programme, proclaims that Europe will only "deepen and widen at the same time if the fish swim together whatever their size, and the shoal moves *just as fast however big it grows*". Perhaps this fishy opacity is deliberate. Some reform of the Council of Ministers voting system is strongly favoured by Sir Leon. The shoal image is perhaps designed at once subtly to hint at this and at the same time to conceal it. Obviously Messrs Major and Hurd don't see eye to eye with Sir Leon on this point. The happy shoal may soon be dispersed, to end up perhaps as fish fingers or Russian



Sir Leon: wielding no handbag

fertiliser. The painful question Sir Leon perhaps seeks to fudge is this: is he our man in Brussels or Brussels's man here? Hmm. Awkward!

The end product of all this mulling, winnowing, hacking and metaphorical musing is heavy going indeed, like an enormously protracted political speech. Perhaps highlights from it could be recorded, with suitable studio audience backing (hear, hear) and played to edify youth groups and so on, as part of the Euro-education programme Sir Leon urges.

Some of us hope and expect that Sir Leon will succeed M Delors as President of the European Commission. He is presumably among us, his book designed to favour his cause. These hopes are likely to be dashed. More's the pity, for Sir Leon would be a great advance on Jacques Delors. Sir Leon's gut instincts are all in the right place, if seriously weakened by the need to defend European initiatives and activities which he must think ill-advised.

Some of his virtues seem to damage him. He is *suaviter in re* as *in modo*: you have to take in him the smooth with the smooth. In negotiation he wields no handbag, still less any sandbag. Like the butler Stevens in *The Remains of the Day*, he is polite and deferential. He is also fair-minded, sees the other chap's point of view, can even concede that accusations of overweening bureaucracy at Brussels "may not be wholly unjustified!" His mind is hospitable indeed. Opposed views loll comfortably in it, as in old prints of *The Peaceable Kingdom*.

Above all Sir Leon is an optimist. He cheerfully relies on the applied principle of subsidiarity to ensure that the European Union does only what it alone can do, leaving all the rest to the nation states. This would in his view cut out European "legislating for its own sake".

Why should it? "The burden of proof", he promises, "would fall on those arguing for decisions to be taken at European Union level". Oh ho! Urgent reasons for legislating and regulating are all too easy to find, and difficult to oppose without appearing doctrinaire and heartless. Sir Leon himself blesses Euro-meddling to protect the ozone layer. Is it in danger? Who knows?

Subsidiarity is quite compatible with fanatical European pressure groups demanding Euro-laws and equally fanatical national groups demanding national laws, all unnecessary. Each group would operate where it can do most damage easily, and blame others for unintended consequences.

To Sir Leon, and still more to such Euro-zealots as may surround him, I commend the late T.E. (Peter) Utley's wise advice to governments: "It is necessary *not* to do what it is not *necessary* to do."

A dance to the music of chance

Natasha Fairweather

MR VERTIGO
By Paul Auster
Faber, £14.99

EARLY in the century on a cold November night in downtown St Louis a mysterious man, clothed all in black, approaches a little orphan boy with a preposterous plan: "If you come with me, *I'll* teach you to fly." Walter Rawley, our streetwise narrator, would be tempting fate if he followed Master Yehudi, but characters in Paul Auster's novels always dance to the music of chance. And so begin young Walt's picaresque adventures chronicled in Mr Vertigo, Auster's *sixth novel*.

It is not that Walt wants to follow the Master — he knows all about the sexual peccadillo, not to mention the potentially murderous intent, of middle-aged men — but there is something so compelling about Master Yehudi's logic that he feels that he cannot *contradict it. They strike* a deal, fairytale-like in its simplicity: if Master Yehudi has not taught Walt how to fly by the time he is 13, Walt can chop off his head.

Walt later seals this promise with his little finger, which the Master pickles in formaldehyde and wears like an albatross round his neck, but that, as Walt himself would say, is running ahead of the story.

Learning to levitate is no easy business. To accomplish it Walt reluctantly joins the Master's Mid-West ménage made up of a corpulent old Sioux Indian, Mother Sue, and a story-telling, handicapped black prodigy naturally enough called Aesop. Under the Master's tutelage, Walt is stripped of his prejudices and his little learning, as he endures trials worthy of a fairytale prince in pursuit of his princess.

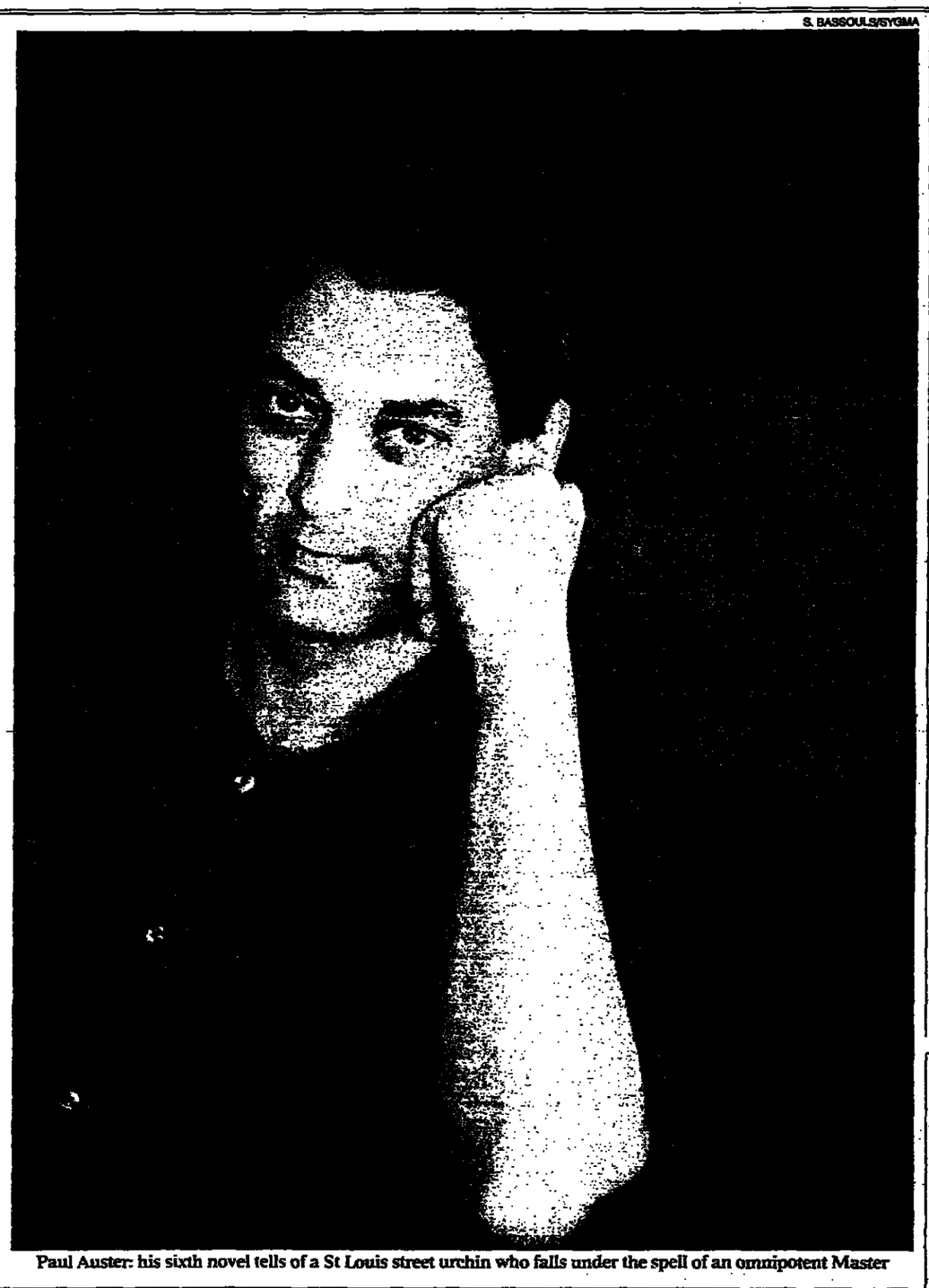
But Walt and Master Yehudi are not questing after women, or even happiness, they are just trying to turn a buck or two in a hard world. By learning to walk on water Walt becomes the "Wonder Boy". But just as he begins to convert his fame into fortune, puberty cheats him of his art. Faced with the choice of castration or early retirement *two-thirds of the way through* the novel, Walt embraces his manhood.

Acquiring elocution lessons (which gives the reader a welcome break from the narrator's not entirely convincing vernacular) along with a libido, Walt's life changes course dramatically. The majority of *the characters which the reader* may have come to care about so far are brutally disposed of as we are taken through the events of the following 60 years at breakneck speed.

Moving from Klu Klux Klan-ridden Kansas of the 1920s to the smoke-filled back *rooms of Chicago during the* prohibition era, from wholesome New Jersey in the 50s back to Kansas in the 80s, taking in murder, gangsters, baseball, alcoholism and suburban mediocrity on the way, the reader is made to feel vertiginous indeed.

Mr Vertigo has its share of both laughs and tears. It can be read as an exploration of the nature of the creative process, which becomes more real than life itself for the artist, or, according to the publisher's blurb, as a portrait of the artist as a young man. But any reader familiar with Auster's impeccably paced and crafted previous novels will have come to expect more from him.

S. BASSOULS/SYGMA



Paul Auster: his sixth novel tells of a St Louis street urchin who falls under the spell of an omnipotent Master

An aristocracy gets up in arms

John Adamson

THE FRONDE
A French Revolution, 1648-1652
By Orest Ranum
Norton, £22

LONG before Madame Guillotine began her grisly work in the Place du Carrousel, France had already been through one revolution. So Orest Ranum claims of the Fronde (literally "the slingshot"): the five-year series of aristocratic rebellions that convulsed the country from Normandy to Provence during the minority of the boy-king Louis XIV.

Beginning in 1648 as a contest between the royal council and the Paris *parlement* (the noble-dominated high court of the realm), the revolt quickly became a factional contest within the high nobility for control of the counsels of a puppet (or, rather, a poppet) king. While the revolt was relatively quickly suppressed in the capital, in Bordeaux, Guienne, Normandy, and Provence, the power struggle continued unabated among the *grands*: between that wily "royalist", Cardinal Mazarin, and the great nobles who posed as the champions of the liberties of the regional *parlements*, like the prince de Condé and the duc d'Orléans.

Ranum's title reflects his hankering for parallels between 1648 and 1789; a lingering desire to view the Fronde as a popular revolt against the reactionary forces of the *ancien régime*. Yet the Fronde was something very different, and Ranum, almost reluctantly, *is finally forced to admit as* much. No amount of larding the text — with "radical" this and "revolutionary" that — can disguise the force of his own (rather overstated) conclusion that outside the world of the high nobility, "the rest of the population, Frondeurs and anti-Frondeurs *alike*, were pawns in the game." The conduct of the rebellious *nobles*, he argues, "was part of a centuries-old pattern of political activity on the part of the great aristocratic families of the realm".

Like the rebellious English parliamentarian lords of 1642, the Frondeur aristocrats of 1650 demanded the creation of a royal council dominated, not by parvenu clerics like Mazarin (or Laud), but by the great officers of state, and persons "descended of great houses and ancient families".

For all its merits, this is a curiously lopsided book. While the revolts of Paris and Bordeaux are treated in luxuriant detail, the scarcely less important revolts in Provence, Normandy and Guienne, hardly rate a mention. Of religion and political ideology there is not a peep.

Such quirks apart, *The Fronde* is a book which has implications for British history. Little Englander-ism has long dominated the history of *the English Civil War*. In affirming the central role of the higher nobility in the civil wars of 1640s France, Ranum prompts a timely question: was the nobility's role in politics so very, very different, 20 miles away across the Channel?

WHO'S MAKING A CRISIS OUT OF DRAMA?

Getting a grant to study drama and dance is becoming a lottery.
This Friday The TES examines the crisis in discretionary awards and assesses the options.

TES
THE TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT
YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO IGNORE IT · 80P

Mayhem in the suburbs

Christina Koning

THE PALACE THIEF
By Ethan Canin
Bloomsbury, £15.99



Ethan Canin: light touch

Ethan Canin's collection of short stories, *Emperor of the Air*, was memorable both for the crispness of its perceptions and for *the lightness of touch with* which it dealt with universal themes. His novel, *Blue River*, was no less accomplished. In this latest work, a collection of four novellas, the author shows himself adept in yet another form: at *this* rate, one feels, he will have exhausted the possibilities of fiction before he turns forty.

As in the novels of John Updike, whose work is clearly an influence, Canin's fictional settings are those of suburban America. With few exceptions, his protagonists are conformists: regular guys, with regular jobs, and families to support. They may feel, like the narrator of the first story in this book, "the impulse for uproar and disorder", but they seldom act upon it.

In this story, "Accountant", a man who has devoted his life to "that calling of exactitude and scruple", gradually comes to realise how much he has limited his aspirations. The sacrifice of his career in music to his accountancy studies is seen in retrospect to have been motivated by timidity rather than ambition; *while the* scrupulousness which has prevented him engaging in dishonest practices is shown to be the very thing which has held him back in his chosen field.

The protagonist's one moment of rebellion is beautifully timed. At the point at which he is about to finalise the most important business deal of his career, he deliberately throws away his chance by succumbing to a reckless impulse — losing the contract but gaining, at long last, a modicum of self-respect.

"Batorsag and Szerelem" also hinges on a moment of disorder — this time in the life of a family — and considers its implications in a wider context. The story is set in 1973, against the background of the American oil crisis, and is narrated by an adolescent boy, whose own uncertainties about his sexual identity are overshadowed, both by the relentless experimentation of *his liberal middle-class* parents, and by the blatantly provocative behaviour of his *older brother*.

In *Blue River*, Canin's narrator was the more successful of two brothers, whose self-congratulatory tone did not conceal his resentment of his sibling's unconventional lifestyle. Here, the device is used again. William, the "good" but undistinguished son, is content to allow his "bad" brother, Clive, to shine, as long as he believes himself to be his father's favourite. When he discovers that this is not the case, he cannot resist using privileged information to damage Clive in his father's eyes — *with devastating effect*.

"City of Broken Hearts" is also about the relationship between fathers and sons — a theme on which the author is generally very good. In this instance, the story has a rather schematic feel, and the characters — a divorced father in search of love and his primly censorious son — seem less than fully realised.

"The Palace Thief" is more convincing in its portrayal of different types of masculinity, contrasting the dedicated scholar, Mr Hundert, whose lifelong immersion in ancient *history has left him little room* for emotional development, with the venal politician, Sedgewick Bell, for whom knowledge is merely a tool to win hearts and minds.

The conflict between these two characters and what each represents is dramatised as an actual contest: a school competition, organised by Hundert, on which pupils are tested on their knowledge of Caesar's campaigns. Sedgewick Bell, whose father *is* an influential politician, cheats in order to win the contest, and is allowed to get away with this by his teacher. Thirty years later, when the competition is restaged, he tries to win by the same unscrupulous methods, and is defeated by Hundert's quick-wittedness.

The novella's central irony, which is Hundert's inability to understand the reality of political power, as epitomised by Bell, as opposed to the idealised version of it he derives from his studies, is *nicely worked out*. However, one is left with the feeling that the same point might have been made rather more effectively if the story had had a less contrived plot structure. Minor reservations aside, these stories are as good as anything Canin has produced so far, and confirm him as one of the most interesting young American writers to have emerged in recent years.

Surfeit of sex

Michael Arditti

WRONG and CLOSER
By Dennis Cooper
Serpent's Tail, £8.99 each pbk original

POLES apart from the elegant *prose and humane ethos of* gay writers such as David Leavitt and Edmund White, where even the wildest sexual experience is contained in a civilised cadence, Cooper's subjects are decay and desecration, nihilism and necrophilia. In a style as stripped of ornament as his world is of warmth, he leads us not so much through the underbelly of American life as its viscera.

More dispiriting even than the subject matter is the author's relentlessness. From the first stories, *Dinner and A Herd*, (1980) to *Frisk* (1991) he focuses exclusively on extreme forms of sex. *Closer* centres — if a novel can be said to centre on a vacuum — on George, a high school boy, used by various classmates and older men as an object for the most lurid fantasies; to which he is constantly willing to lend an obliging orifice. He moves from artist's model to unwitting participant in a coprophiliac movie to drugged spectator at his own dismembering.

Their tastes may be as jaded as any elderly Sadian aristocrat's, but *the majority of these* characters are still at school. Parents are ineffectual, absent or negligent and teachers guilty of the grossest moral turpitude. The books contain no figures of moral authority — least of all, the author.

In the absence of moral framework, Cooper's world appears to be governed by the laws of pornography. The confusion of a schoolboy artist in *Closer*, "he couldn't decide if he wanted to draw Dave, f*** him, beat him up or fall in love with him" seems to mirror that of the author.

Pornography is not only the means through which so many of his characters respond — or simulate response — to each other, but, in his collection of stories, *Wrong*, it is the main source of descriptive imagery. Cooper may intend his work as a portrait of a world deadened by pornography, but it is hard to read it as such when his own writing is imbued with a pornographic ethos: this goes far beyond the passages of deliberate pastiche. Even when it avoids an expressly aphrodisiacal charge, the fictional parameters are those of pornography: his characters have no inner life ... and only rudimentary outer description.

Ultimately, these books have a desensitising effect. They are in every sense sensational. Like pornography, they present a sterile system: unlike pornography, they do not even provide a momentary release.

Onus on plaintiffs over limitation point

Welsh Development Agency v Redpath Dorman Long Ltd

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment March 17]

If it was reasonably arguable that the relevant limitation period had expired before an amendment in an action was made, so that section 35(1) of the Limitation Act 1980 might deprive the defendants of a limitation defence they would otherwise have had, the onus was on the plaintiffs to show that the amendment came within the provisions of section 35(5) and Order 20, rule 5(5) of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

A new claim under section 35(3) could not be made by amendment until the pleading was actually amended, so unless a case came within one of the exceptions, leave could not be given after the time limit had expired. That applied even if the limitation period had not expired at the date when the application for leave to amend was made.

Contrary reasoning of the Court of Appeal in *Kennett v Brown* ([1988] 1 WLR 582) showed that that case had been wrongly decided.

The Court of Appeal so held, in a reserved judgment, dismissing appeals against decisions of Judge Hicks, QC, sitting as an official referee, on May 12, 1993, whereby he granted the plaintiffs leave to amend their statement of claim under two heads but refused the application under a third head and also gave leave to amend their reply. The plaintiffs appealed against his refusal under the third head and the defendants appealed against the grant of leave to amend under one of the other two heads.

Section 35 of the 1980 Act provides: "(1) For the purposes of this Act, any new claim made in the course of any action shall be deemed to be a separate action and to have been commenced ... (b) ... on the same date as the original action.

"(2) In this section a new claim means ... (a) the addition or substitution of a new cause of action ...

"(3) Except as provided by ... rules of court, neither the High Court nor any county court shall allow a new claim within subsection 1(b) above ... to be made in the course of any action after the expiry of any time limit under this Act which would affect a new action to enforce that claim ...

"(4) Rules of court may provide for allowing a new claim to which subsection (3) above applies to be made as there mentioned, but only if the conditions specified in subsection (5) below are satisfied ...

"(5) The conditions referred to ... above are ... (a) in the case of a claim involving a new cause of action, if the new cause of action arises out of the same facts or substantially the same facts as are already in issue on any claim previously made in the original action ..."

Order 20, rule 5 provides: "(1) Subject to ... the following provisions of this rule, the court may at any stage of the proceedings allow the plaintiff to amend his writ ... on such terms as to costs or otherwise as may be just ...

"(2) Where an application ... for leave to make the amendment ... in paragraph (5) is made after any relevant period of limitation current at the date of issue of the writ has expired, the court may nevertheless grant such leave ... if it thinks it just to do so ...

"(5) An amendment may be allowed under paragraph (2) notwithstanding that the effect of the amendment will be to add or substitute a new cause of action if the new cause of action arises out of the same facts or substantially the same facts as a cause of action in respect of which relief has already been claimed in the action by the party applying for leave to make the amendment."

Mr Donald Keating, QC and Mr Keith Bush for the plaintiffs; Mr Brian Knight, QC and Mr Martin Bowdery for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL, giving the judgment of the court, said that the plaintiffs engaged the defendants, consulting engineers, to design the substructure of a number of factory units in Cardiff.

On September 18, 1980 the defendants submitted a report recommending that the floor slabs of the units should not be piled. In 1980 and 1981, 12 units were constructed with unsupported floor slabs.

In November 1985, the plaintiffs requested the defendants to investigate settling of the floor in one of the units and in December 1985 the defendants confirmed the settling which they said was probably due to a leak in a water main, was not due to inadequacy in design, and was unlikely to continue.

In March 1987 the plaintiffs complained about settlement of the floor slab in another unit and the defendants reported in August 1987 that the floor had settled but that that was not due to any defect in design, was not likely to interfere with the work of the factory and was unlikely to continue.

The plaintiffs alleged that the settlements did continue. On July 3, 1990 they issued a writ claiming damages for breach of contract and negligence.

By a summons issued on July 14, 1992 the plaintiffs sought leave to add, *inter alia*, claims that the advice given by the defendants in the reports of December 1985 and August 1987 amounted to negligent misstatement, which of itself gave the plaintiffs a right of action. The judge refused leave under that head and that was the subject of the plaintiffs' appeal.

In summarising the conclusions of the judge, their Lordships said that he had found that those were clearly new claims, that is, the addition of one or more new causes of action under section 35 of the 1980 Act and Order 20, rule 5.

Such causes of action did not arise out of substantially the same facts as the causes of action already pleaded. Therefore the amendments could only be allowed if the defendants could not reasonably argue that the relevant period of limitation had expired. The cause of action alleged arose, not when the allegedly negligent report was made but when the plaintiffs suffered damage as a result.

With regard to the December 1985 report the limitation period of six years for negligent misstatement appeared to have expired on September 18, 1992, six years after the expiry of the primary limitation period in contract on September 18, 1986.

It was important to note that the plaintiffs' summons for leave to amend was issued on July 14, 1992 but was not heard until May 1993. Thus the amendment to allow the addition of that claim would give the plaintiffs what might be the unfair advantage of relation back under section 35(1).

Although there was no Limitation Act objection to the amendment in respect of the 1987 report the judge had concluded that it was so closely bound up with the similar claim under the 1985 report that it would be better not to allow an amendment confined to the 1987 report.

In their Lordships' judgment, the judge's decision on that issue was entirely correct. The wording of section 35(3) of the 1980 Act was so clear as to admit of only one interpretation.

That was that the relevant date was the date at which the amendment was actually made, which by definition must be no earlier than the date at which leave was granted to make the amendment. They were glad to see that their decision agreed with that of Mr Justice Hirst in *The Kyriaki* ([1993] 1 Lloyd's Rep 137, 147).

Their Lordships then considered the judgment of Lord Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, in *Kennett v Brown* ([1988] 1 WLR 582) and his statement that a new claim contained in a contribution notice was not dependent on a prior application by the first defendant under section 33, but that the second defendant could plead section 35(3) in his defence.

They believed that if they were not to follow that decision, they were obliged to say boldly that the reasoning in *Kennett v Brown* was wrong. They were able to do so because that was a court consisting of two lord justices in an interlocutory matter, in extempore judgments.

Their Lordships, although also sitting on an interlocutory appeal, were a court of three lord justices. That they had the power to disagree with, and overrule, a previous decision of a court of two lord justices in an interlocutory appeal was clear from the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Boys v Chaplin* ([1968] 2 QB 1): see the judgments of Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls (at p23C-G), Lord Upjohn (at p30B) and Lord Justice Diplock (at p36B-C).

Their Lordships' difficulty with the decision in *Kennett v Brown* was that it appeared to have been based on a wrong interpretation of section 35(3), which disregarded the effect of section 35(1).

If the contribution notice was not to be struck out, or an order made under section 33 disapplying section 11, the effect of section 35(1) would then be that the contribution notice would be deemed to have been served on the date of the plaintiff's writ in the action. Thus the second defendant would be deprived of his limitation defence.

Section 35(3) could not then, as it were, reinstate the defence. Indeed, in the view of the court, section 35(3) was not a provision which created a defence, but was a mandatory direction to a court dealing with either an application to amend a new claim or an application to strike out a new claim added without leave, by amendment or by way of a contribution notice. For those reasons it was concluded that *Kennett v Brown* had been wrongly decided.

In *Holland and Another v Yates Building Co Ltd and Others* (*The Times* December 5, 1989) Sir Nicholas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, cited *Kennett v Brown* as authority for the proposition that in cases under section 35 of the Limitation Act it was wrong to seek to determine the question whether or not the cause of action against the new party was statute-barred unless and until the party sought to be joined had pleaded a defence under the Limitation Act.

Since their Lordships had concluded that *Kennett v Brown* was wrongly decided, it followed that in their view *Holland v Yates* should not be treated as authoritative.

Solicitors: Eversheds, Phillips & Buck, Cardiff; Mr Mark Galloway, Croydon.

When English court is seised of a case

Neste Chemicals SA and Others v DK Line SA and Another

Before Lord Justice Steyn, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Sir Tasker Watkins

[Judgment March 25]

For the purposes of article 21 of the Brussels Convention, scheduled to the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982, an English court became definitively seised of proceedings on service of the writ. The granting of provisional measures was not an actual exercise of jurisdiction which rendered the court seised of the action.

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff cargo owners, Neste Chemicals SA, Neste OY, Statoil Petrokemi AB, Den Norske Statolseselskap AS and Fina Chemicals Division of Petrofina SA, from the decision of Mr Justice Sheen who had declined jurisdiction under the 1982 Act in proceedings between them and the defendant shipowners, DK Line SA, on the ground that a court in Rotterdam was the court first seised of the action.

Following a dispute between the parties, the cargo owners commenced legal proceedings in England and Holland. On May 13, 1992 the shipowners caused a writ to be issued but not for service out of the jurisdiction.

On May 20, 1992 the cargo owners obtained from the English Admiralty registrar leave to issue a concurrent writ *in personam* to serve out of the jurisdiction and leave to serve that writ on the shipowners abroad.

On July 17, 1992 the writ was served in London on the shipowners' solicitors who acknowledged service subject to the shipowners' right to challenge the jurisdiction of the English court. Meanwhile, since the shipowners had refused to confirm that they would not challenge the jurisdiction of the English court, substantive proceedings were also commenced by the cargo owners in the Rotterdam court. The Dutch writ was issued and served on June 4, 1992.

The shipowners applied to set aside or stay the English proceedings on the basis that under article 21 of the Convention the Rotterdam court was first seised of the dispute between the parties and the English court was therefore bound to decline jurisdiction.

The judge held that as a matter of law the English court did not become seised of the matter until July 17, 1992; that the Dutch court became seised of the action on June 4, 1992 and that the English court was bound to decline jurisdiction.

Mr Dominic Kendrick for the cargo owners; Mr Timothy Young for the shipowners.

LORD JUSTICE STEYN said that the issue on appeal was whether the judge should have held that the English court in fact became seised of the proceedings at the earlier date of May 22, 1992 by which date leave to serve out of the jurisdiction had been granted and a concurrent writ issued pursuant to that leave.

The only guidance offered by the European Court of Justice was that in order to be seised, proceedings must be definitively brought before a court and in that context seisin must be decided according to the national procedural laws of contracting states. English procedural law would determine at what point of time an English court was seised.

Initially, judges of the Commercial Court ruled at first instance that under article 21 an English court was seised of proceedings on the mere issue of proceedings.

The Court of Appeal in *Dresser UK Ltd v Falcongate Freight Management Ltd* ([1992] QB 502) rejected that solution. His Lordship agreed with the unanimous view of that court that policy arguments militated against "the date of issue" criterion and regarded as the better solution the view that the court only became seised of the proceedings when the defendant had been served, that is, made aware of the proceedings. His Lordship adopted that part of Lord Justice Bingham's judgment which rejected the date of issue of the proceedings as definitive.

But both sides relied on different parts of the leading judgment of Lord Justice Bingham in the *Dresser* case. Mr Young relied on p523A-C, submitting that it was the ordinary rule and governed the present case.

Mr Kendrick relied on a later passage, at p523F, and pointed out that in the case of a *Mareva* injunction or an *Anton Piller* order there was in Lord Justice Bingham's words "an actual exercise of jurisdiction".

Lord Justice Bingham distinguished between ministerial acts such as the issue of a writ and the exercise of judicial discretion. Lord Justice Ralph Gibson drew the same distinction.

Relying on that reasoning, Mr Kendrick argued, the court was seised of the action whenever there had been actual exercise of jurisdiction over the defendant. Accordingly, Mr Kendrick argued, the Admiralty registrar's decision, in the exercise of his jurisdiction, to grant leave to serve a writ out of the jurisdiction, followed by the actual issue of the writ, resulted in the English court being seised of the proceedings.

Given the premise that on the granting of a *Mareva* injunction or an *Anton Piller* order the court was immediately seised of the proceedings the march of logic at first glance seemed irresistible.

The rival arguments in *Dresser* faced the court with a stark choice: either the issue or the service of the writ resulted in the court being seised of the proceedings. The question whether a court became seised of the matter when it granted a *Mareva* injunction or an *Anton Piller* order was not in issue in *Dresser*.

The observations of Lord Justice Bingham on *Mareva* injunctions and *Anton Piller* orders was not part of the *ratio decidendi* of the case. But those observations formed part of a reserved judgment and were powerful persuasive authority.

In the present case, the correctness of those observations had been explored in argument. It seemed to his Lordship that the Court of Appeal in *Dresser* might have assumed that the court in granting those provisional or protective measures was necessarily exercising jurisdiction over the proceedings.

But that was not so. In the same way as provisional measures might be granted on an assumption of fact or law, the court might grant provisional measures on an unresolved and untested assumption that it had jurisdiction over the proceedings: *Grupo Torras SA v Sheik Fahad Mohammed Al-Sabbah* (unreported, CA, February 16, 1994).

The only indispensable condition was that there must be jurisdiction for the purpose of granting provisional measures, which was a different and more limited concept. In such a case it would be wrong to say that there had been an actual exercise of jurisdiction going wider than the granting of provisional measures and the court was not definitively seised of an adjudication of the merits of the dispute.

If that was right, it seemed to follow that no different date when the court became seised could apply in cases where coincidentally the court had jurisdiction not only for the purposes of granting provisional measures but also jurisdiction over the merits of the dispute, for example, by virtue of an exclusive jurisdiction agreement.

His Lordship would differ from Lord Justice Bingham on what he described as the exceptional cases and state that a court which granted provisional measures was not by virtue of that fact alone seised of jurisdiction on the merits of the dispute.

His Lordship would similarly rule that a court which exercised a jurisdiction merely to order service out of the jurisdiction was not by virtue of that limited exercise of jurisdiction seised of the merits of the dispute.

In his Lordship's view, the general thrust of the *Dresser* case was correct and binding on the court but his Lordship would disagree that there were any genuine exceptions to the rule that the date of service marked the time when an English court became definitively seised of the proceedings.

That rule was a simple and practical rule which would be readily understood in England and in other jurisdictions which had to grapple with the question when an English court was seised of the proceedings.

By contrast the general rule enunciated in *Dresser*, qualified by an open ended group of exceptions, was a relatively complex solution which would not be as easily understood. His Lordship would prefer the simple solution of saying that an English court only became definitively seised on service of the writ.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Sir Tasker Watkins delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Clyde & Co; Jackson Parton.

Excess of medical evidence

In re G (Minors) (Medical Experts)

In public law cases brought under the Children Act 1989 unnecessary investigation by medical experts was not in the best interests of children or of justice.

The court had a duty to exercise control over evidence which it permitted to be adduced before granting leave to disclose confidential documents to a medical expert.

Mr Justice Wall so stated on March 7 in the Family Division in open court after a hearing in chambers at Newcastle upon Tyne of care proceedings.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the mother's solicitors had been granted leave to show documents to medical experts. Six had been consulted: two adult psychiatrists, a child psychiatrist, two paediatricians and a consultant in paediatric biochemistry.

In his Lordship's opinion, generalised orders granting leave for papers to be shown to an expert or experts should never be made. The medical expert or the area of medical expertise should be identified.

The court had a duty to enquire into the category of expert evidence which the party sought to adduce, its relevance, whether it could be obtained by the joint instruction of more than one party and whether it was necessary for experts in the same discipline to be instructed by more than one party.

It was advisable for such application to be made early in the proceedings.

Undertakings sufficient to fulfil EC water duty

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Friends of the Earth Ltd and Another

Before Mr Justice Schiemann

[Judgment March 29]

Although the UK was in breach of its obligation to ensure water intended for human consumption met EEC standards of wholesomeness, it was sufficient for the Secretary of State for the Environment to fulfil his duty to remedy that breach by accepting undertakings from water authorities to ensure conformity with those standards.

Mr Justice Schiemann so stated in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application by Friends of the Earth Ltd and Andrew Lees for judicial review of decisions taken by the secretary of state under the Water Industry Act 1991 on October 4, 1991 whereby he accepted separate undertakings from Thames Water Utilities Ltd and Anglian Water Services Ltd to take steps which appeared to him appropriate for them to take for the purposes of securing or facilitating compliance with the duty under section 68(1)(a) of the 1991 Act to supply wholesome water as defined in the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (SI 1989 No 1147), and his concomitant decision not to make any enforcement orders pursuant to his duty under section 18 of the 1991 Act in respect of contravention of the regulations by Thames and Anglian.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC, Mr Jacques Algazy and Miss Helen Mountfield for the applicants; Mr Stephen Richards and Mr Christopher Katkowski for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said that it was accepted that the secretary of state's duty was to secure compliance with the regulations and it was not suggested that all that was ultimately required was to facilitate compliance. The secretary of state was obliged to rectify the breach as soon a possible and not merely as soon as practicable.

In some cases it might not be possible to achieve a result earlier than was practicable. In such a case the use of the word "practicable" rather than "possible" did not necessarily betray a legally erroneous approach.

In the present case there were considerable complexities in bringing all UK water up to standard. The evidence did not show that the secretary of state in accepting the undertakings had adopted a too leisurely approach.

There was no possible alternative course of action on the ground which would have produced conformity or would have meant that the water authorities would now be closer in time to conforming to the standard.

The Water Act 1989 did not provide that the secretary of state's acceptance of the undertaking prevented him from taking further enforcement action. On the contrary, in section 19(1) there were specified circumstance in which there was no requirement to make an enforcement order.

In particular, at section 19(1)(b), when an undertaking was given to the secretary of state "to take all such steps as appeared to him for the time being to be appropriate", the words "for the time being" envisaged a continuing monitoring duty.

The undertakings expressly given referred to that phrase and contained no promise express or implied that the secretary of state would not require more than was set out in them. The arrangements which the secretary of state made to monitor the progress of the undertakers towards the goal of conforming with the standards were not ones which required to be set out in the undertakings. It was sufficient for them to be set out in the annexes referred to in the undertakings.

Irrespective of the existence of the undertakings, the secretary of state could at any time, if he regarded that insufficient progress had been made, make use of the powers he had to make enforcement orders.

In the present case the secretary of state had never enforced orders because the target dates in the annexes had regularly been beaten and tighter undertakings had been substituted for looser undertakings.

Solicitors: Bindman & Partners; Treasury Solicitor.

No warning needed over motive

Regina v Mouqni

It did not follow automatically from the fact that a defendant or his counsel had alleged that a prosecution witness had a motive or purpose of her own to serve that a warning should be given to the jury of the special need for caution in assessing her evidence.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Hidden and Mr Justice Bell) so stated on March 29 when dismissing the appeal of Abrahim Brahim Mouqni against his conviction on August 19, 1993 at Hove Crown Court (Judge Troup and a jury) of inflicting grievous bodily harm on his son aged 20 months.

MR JUSTICE BELL said that although the defence raised the question whether the injury had been caused by the appellant's wife, the child's mother, the only realistic issue for the jury to decide was whether the injury was the result of a blow inflicted by the appellant or was an accidental injury suffered while the mother was absent.

It was for the trial judge to decide whether the mother had, or might have had, a motive or purpose of her own to serve by the evidence she gave. If he did so conclude it was for him to decide whether, in all the circumstances, he should give the jury, to the extent necessary to put the defence fairly and adequately, a warning of the special need for caution. In this case the mother could have had no motive or purpose of her own to serve.

No chance of driving clamped

Drake v DPP

The presence of a wheel clamp on a motor vehicle could not be disregarded by the court when considering, under section 5(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1988, the likelihood of the person in charge of the vehicle being able to drive it while over the limit.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Laws) so held on March 21 when allowing an appeal by way of case stated by Stephen John Drake against the dismissal of his appeal by Kingston upon Hull Crown Court (Judge Barker and Justices) against his conviction by Brough Justices, on February 10, 1992, of being in charge of a motor vehicle in a public place after consuming so much alcohol that he exceeded the prescribed limit contrary to section 5(1)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

The appellant had refused to pay the fee to have the wheel clamp on his car removed and had then attempted to remove it with a claw hammer.

MR JUSTICE LAWS said that although as a matter of law a person could be guilty of being in charge of a vehicle under section 5(1)(b) even though it was immobile, in the absence of evidence that the wheel clamp could have been removed in any other way than by payment of the fee, there had been no likelihood of the appellant driving the vehicle.

The application of the wheel clamp could not constitute damage to the vehicle under section 5(3) of the 1988 Act as there had been no intrusion into the integrity of the vehicle and the appellant's conviction would be quashed.

EDUCATION

COURSES

We'll see you in court.

Over the past 25 years thousands of Holborn Students have ended up in court.

We, and our students, have worked hard for this success.

When it comes to choice and flexibility we have always been ahead of the field for the Bar Examination for non-UK practitioners. We offer two start dates, September and January, for our one year full-time programmes, a part-time Saturday course and a distance learning option. No other college offers such choice.

Whatever their mode of study, Holborn students receive the most in-depth teaching and support, and benefit from a unique range of specially written textbooks and course materials — the most comprehensive ever produced for this examination.

All materials, as well as our special training course in advocacy and practical skills, are included in the fees. And with these fees running at only £2600 (full-time), £1150 (part-time) and £1000 (distance learning), the Holborn Bar courses are the most cost effective in Britain. If you enrol before 31st July we will help you with inn dining costs. That means £100 for full-time students and £40 for part-time and distance learning students.

Holborn offers an atmosphere of commitment and success and a superb track-record of high pass rates and prizewinning performances.

With our help you too can end up in court. And when you do, we'll be delighted.

If you want to find out more please contact:
HOLBORN COLLEGE
The Registrar (Ref T), Holborn College, 200 Greyhound Road, London W14 9RY.
Telephone: 071-385 3377 Fax: 071-381 3377 Telex: 266386
Advocating Success.

DEGREE COURSES

Earn a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate degree by utilising your life and work experience. No residency required. Full credits are allocated for all work and life achievements. There are no formal examinations. We will help you obtain that vital degree qualification entirely by distance learning. Our programme is directed at self-motivated men and women who have already moved some distance towards their own goals.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE UNIVERSITY
Dept TT/ Stefansgade 22,2200 Copenhagen, Denmark
Tel +45 3181 1430 Fax: 45 3181 5514

montessori TRAINING

Train at an accredited NVQ* Assessment Centre for Child Care and Education. Study Full-time, Part-time or by Correspondence:

- Pre-primary Teaching Diploma — 3 – 4 years
- Infant/Toddler Diploma — 2 – 3 years
- Nursery Nurse NNEB Diploma — 2 – 3 years

*25% Gov't Subsidy available for qualifying applicants
OPEN EVENINGS EVERY MONTH
Call for details 071-493 0165 or write Dept ST
LONDON MONTESSORI CENTRE
18 Balcorne Street London W11 1TG

Choosing Your Degree?

Knowledgeable and unbiased advice for all levels of education, and careers, to suit individual needs.

GABBITAS
EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS
6-8 Sackville Street, London W1X 2BR
Tel: 071 734 0161 Fax: 071 437 1764
Quality in Guidance since 1873

Intensive Skills Courses
including GNP YEAR Courses
Commence: February, March, April
ACADEMIC COLLEGE
25% Vocational Tax Relief available
Tel: (24 hours) 071-589 8583
The Queen's Secretarial College
24 Queensberry Place, London SW7 2DS
SUSSEX. Intensive courses. A'Level and/or GCSE. Must help degree applic (90% success rate/clinic). Transfers from other schools year at any time. Hartfield Tutorial College, Brighton (0273) 206966.

The ST JAMES'S *Secretarial* COLLEGE
18th April Start
- 3,6 and 9 month courses.
- Options in Public Relations, Journalism & Commercial Languages.
- Career Advisory and Job Placement Service.

4 Wetherby Gardens, London SW5 0JN
Tel: 071 373 3652

don Quijote UK
! Spanish Language Courses in Spain !
- Quality Schools in Salamanca, Barcelona, Granada and Malaga.
- All levels, all year round, 2 weeks up to 9 months.
- Host family or student flat.
- International, small groups and great variety of courses.

! Phone for a free info-pack now !
081-786 8081.

LLB
LONDON UNIVERSITY
(EXTERNAL)
FULL TIME, EVENINGS, SATS
■ Now Interviewing for September intake.
■ Revision - '94 Exams. Few places still available.
LANSDOWNE 071 581 4866
7/9 Palace Gate, London W8 5LS

FRENCH UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES
Academic Year, Semester & Summer courses at French universities inc. Sorbonne, Paris. Ideal Gap Year Opportunity. Half Term and Easter 'A' level revision in Bordeaux. Various short & long courses throughout France. Fully comprehensive programmes inc. board & lodging, etc.
Challenge Educational Services
101 Lorna Road, Hove, Sussex, BN3 3EL
Tel: 0273 220261

EF International Language Schools
The best place to learn a language
French in Nice • German in Munich
Spanish in Spain • Italian in Italy
Easter Revision, Summer and GapYear courses
Call now for course information 071-401 3660

BUSINESS COURSES

MBA
- Part - time, evening
- Full - time
- Distance learning
- MSc for recent graduates
- LLM
- MPhil/PhD

Apply now for October 1994
SEMS, University of Surrey
Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH
Tel: 0483 259347
Fax: 0483 259511

POSTS

BURSAR
ALDRO SCHOOL, SHACKLEFORD
SURREY GU8 6AS

Aldro, a leading boys' Preparatory School wishes to appoint a

FULL-TIME BURSAR

to commence 1st June 1994

Responsibilities will include Financial and Estate Management, Clerk to the Governors and Legislation Compliance Officer.

Application forms and job specification may be obtained from the School Secretary.

Closing date for applications is 20th April, 1994.

EXPERIENCED MATURE MONTESSORI OR B.A.Ed TEACHER REQUIRED FULL/PART TIME

To teach enthusiastic bright and bubbly 4 year olds in a lovely Nursery Sochool in Fulham. Min 2-4 years practical experience. C.V.'s & Ref essential. Part time: Mon-Fri 9am-1.00 pm, Full time Mon-Fri 8am-6.00 pm.

If you are aged between 24 and 34 and are bubbly, dedicated, artistic, enthusiastic and adaptable and available to start as from Mon 18th April, for the beginning of the Summer Term, please telephone 'Victoria' at Pippa Pop-ins.

071 385 2458.

TEACHER required for Sept 1994 to take year 5/6 (certificated responsibility). Commencement salary £ negotiable. Common pay scale plus 1 point. Closing date 20th April. Further details from the Headteacher of North's C of E Primary School, Queens Road, Farnborough, Hants, GU14 6DU.

هكذا من الأصل

EDUCATION

Quality is vital in religious education, say **Linda Edwards** and **Chris Wright**

The best way back to basics

Religious education has received *unprecedented* Government and public attention since early this year. Schools have been bombarded with fresh guidelines and instructions on how they should conduct daily acts of collective worship to ensure the "moral, spiritual, social and cultural" development of pupils. But the most important document has been left until last. Consultation on the first draft model syllabuses for RE — a national blueprint for local committees to construct their own lessons — ended on Good Friday. When complete, these model syllabuses will provide a framework that must endure into the next century.

The reason for all this activity was made clear in a little-noticed study by the Office for Standards in Education last week — the first since the 1988 Education Act required schools to teach RE that was "in the main Christian" and to hold daily acts of worship. The report was damning. Inspectors found that most schools were breaking the law. Teachers had not abandoned Christianity, but RE was often an afterthought. One in five primaries ignored the subject entirely; few secondaries held regular assemblies. When RE was taught, lessons were often dull accounts of basic beliefs that made little attempt to examine Christianity as a major world faith or as a belief system. Even in church schools, it was not unusual to find poor lessons taken by teachers without specialist knowledge. The treatment of other religions such as Islam, Hinduism and Judaism was, apparently, even more trite and shallow.

The consequences are serious. Many children leave school with only a patchy knowledge of Christianity. Some students do not even appreciate the religious significance of an Easter holiday. There is, surely, a need to go "back to basics" in teaching religion.

A recent MORI poll for *Songs of Praise* concluded there is no clear consensus about what Christians believe. Such is the confusion that we should be grateful for the publication of the model syllabuses that aim to give clear guidance on the content of Christianity that all pupils should have by the age of 16. Herein lies a danger. It is naive to think that teaching the content of Christianity as prescribed in the draft syllabuses adequately educates *pupils into understanding* what it means to be a Christian.

First, RE teachers, many of them non-specialists, afraid of appearing to proselytise, have tended to present Christianity at arm's length. Too often, lessons are taught within a secular framework where claims about religious truth — after all, the essence of religion and belief — do not exist. Coherence has only been achieved by dechristianising the subject so it is too often taught from sociological, anthropological, literary or historical perspectives. We shall never succeed in communicating Christianity's distinctiveness if we simply tick off the facts we have conveyed *and the understanding pupils have* about the elements of the religion.

The second danger is that the development of model syllabuses is allowing politicians to sabotage the subject. Strong voices from the right argue that RE and collective worship offer a *means* of curing the country's moral malaise and social problems. Even John Patten, the Education Secretary, seems to have fallen into the trap by suggesting that the wrongs of truancy can be righted by calling pupils to the pulpit of collective worship. We must not allow people to equate ensuring Christianity's place in our schools with the shapeless longing for the past at the heart of the Government's "back to basics" policy.

If we are to go back to basics in schools properly, we must do more than teach pupils *about* Christianity, Hinduism, or Islam. We must recognise there is such a thing as a *Christian mind* and a *Muslim mind*. If pupils are to *know more, we must show them* how Christianity operates on the assumption of certain absolutes, which generate its individuality. Christians believe that God became man in Jesus Christ and that He rose from the dead. Because of this, He delivers human beings from evil and death. Other faiths may have points of similarity but this is distinctive of Christianity.

How can such a mind be encouraged in religious education? We propose two essentials that are not adequately reflected in the published draft syllabuses.

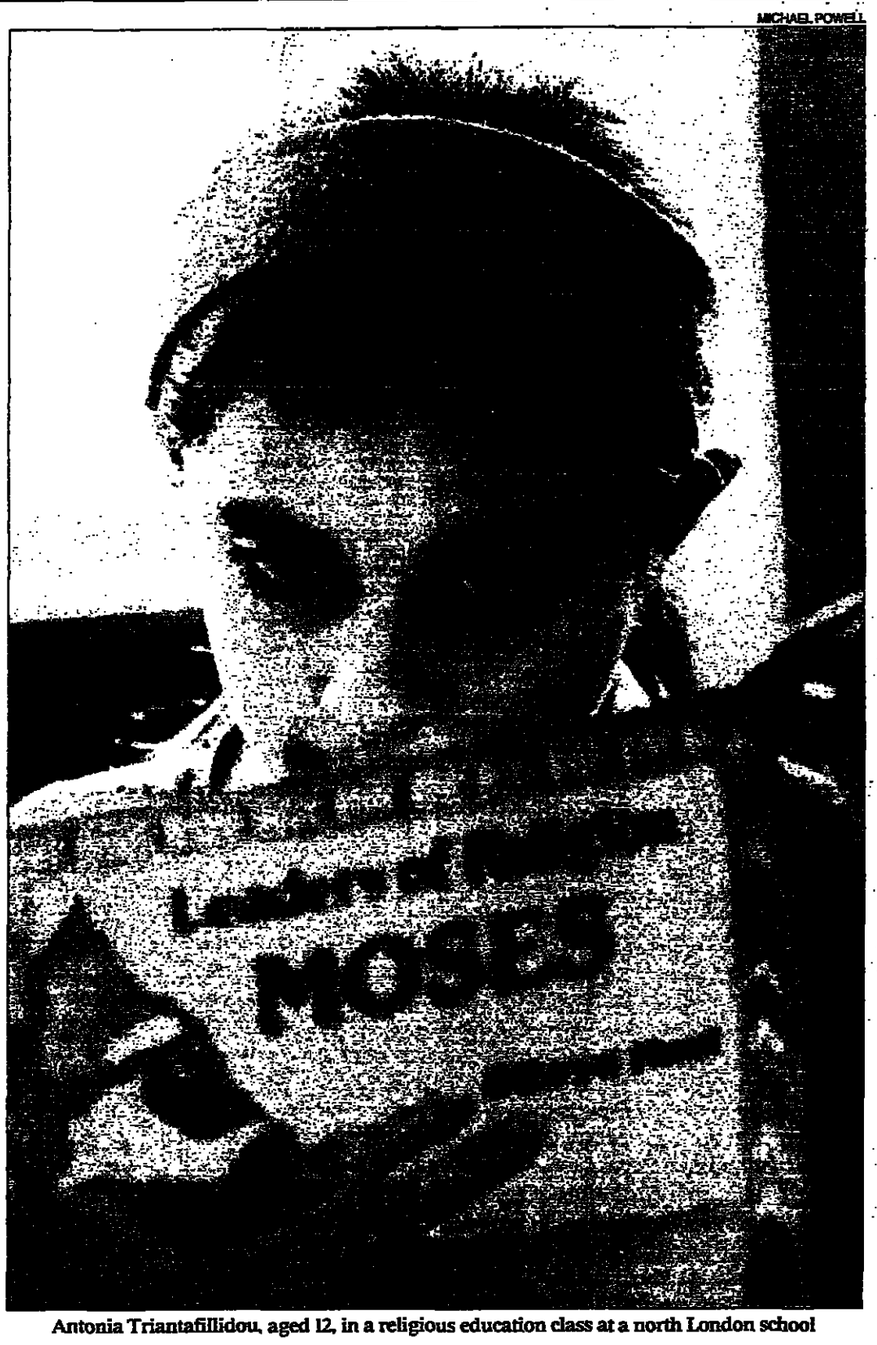
First, it would mean pupils being taught to develop a way of thinking through Christian eyes. Christianity cannot be used for social control. Emphasising that teaching Christianity equals teaching morality equals fewer truants will not do. Pupils should be helped to acquire the skills to hypothesise and apply the key teachings and values of Jesus to the world in which they live. For example, it is not just a question of knowing the Sermon on the Mount, but recognising that divorce is a breach of God's spiritual framework for intimate relationships.

Second, the syllabuses must not shy away from allowing children to handle absolutes in their thinking, such as Heaven, Hell, Good and Evil, Judgment and Grace. These are difficult concepts but the supernatural is intrinsic to Christianity. Unless children are encouraged to grapple with these ideas and understand their significance for Christians, they miss the point.

Much of the debate over the new syllabuses has concentrated on the issue of how much curriculum time Christianity should receive, *vis-à-vis* other faiths. This is a diversion. The quality and depth of teaching is what matters. There is no benefit in children being taught about Christianity for 100 per cent of the time, or Islam, for that matter, if RE continues to be treated as a factually based, secular equivalent of any other subject. The draft syllabuses offer a way forward, but we must ensure they are sufficiently ambitious if they are to succeed.

● *Linda Edwards lectures in religious education at King's College London. Chris Wright is Head of Humanities at Peers School, Oxford and teacher training tutor in RE, at King's College.*

MICHAEL POWELL



Antonia Triantafillidou, aged 12, in a religious education class at a north London school

Junk these poor diets

THEY stump whey-faced, yawning and listless in classrooms all over the country: the children, especially at secondary level, whose health is so badly mismanaged that it seriously impedes their attainment in school. There are three main ways in which children in this large, and growing, minority lose out.

They are under-nourished. Until a few months ago, I taught in an 11 to 16 non-selective "high" school where many pupils will, if unrestrained, ingest crisps, biscuits, chocolate bars and unidentifiable confectionery throughout the day, displacing all appetite for real food. Hence the malnutrition. Ironically, these young people are dietetically deprived because they are *not* hungry; they would probably be healthier if they had less cash for junk "food".



SUSAN ELKIN

Fuel their body machines with the wrong stuff and all pupils will have problems functioning. Usually, they have trouble concentrating although sometimes they will be hyperactive. Obesity is commonplace — junk is high in calories. Being fat is not necessarily a sign that you are well fed. There is more susceptibility to illness, leading to absenteeism. How can such people be expected to realise their potential?

Given that the appalling diet of many of today's pupils contributes to their educational underachievement, the problem must be tackled urgently. Schools should stop the sale of "tuck". Rules should forbid pupils to bring snacks to school.

What of school meals? There is nothing to prevent head teachers and school governors from negotiating standards with their catering departments. The wise ones do. I know, however, of schools where chips are served daily, there is scarcely a fresh vegetable in sight and salad has to be ordered in advance. Cordials of sugar, colouring and E numbers are often the only drink. Why not milk, juice or even tea? Some pupils just "graze" on junk brought from home, at the shop around the corner or at the school.

The second factor is that many pupils do not get enough exercise. They are driven to school, often over short distances, and school PE is often inadequate. Although some are involved in sport out of school, most are not. The national curriculum stipulates two hours a week but many schools, for various reasons, fall short of this. There is ample scope for making PE fun, even for the disinclined, with, say, aerobics and weight training as options.

Then there is competitive sport at ages 14 to 16, apparently out of favour with some educationists, but soon to be reinstated. If more school children then get more exercise, it can only be a good thing.

Obliged to escort six 15-year-olds to a careers talk on the other side of town, I decided we would walk the mile and a half there. The children made heavy weather of it. One parent, incredulous that I could have deliberately chosen walking as a means of transport, even telephoned to offer to pay the bus fare. Teachers could do much more to dent such unhealthy attitudes and parents often need education, too.

My third worry is the extraordinary hours so many young people seem to keep. If someone of, say 14, regularly goes to bed well after midnight, he will probably function below par in the morning. Such pupils cannot get up on time, miss breakfast and are often late for school. Then they become sleepy and inattentive in lessons. It may sound old-fashioned — but growing bodies need more sleep than "completed" ones. Anyway, what are these young owls doing at night? They are either gazing mesmerised at the small screen or they are "out".

Health education seems to have been hijacked by well-meaning, but misguided teachers and turned into a neutral subject concerning "health choices", punctuated with horror stories about Aids. Surely there should be nothing impartial about the way in which teachers seek to convince pupils and their parents that they can and *should* be healthier?

Pupils must be *taught* about nutrition, the value of exercise and adequate sleep, firmly and didactically. To dish out a few woolly worksheets, then leave them to make up their own minds, is a shameful abdication of responsibility.

Phantom at the opera

A man on stage 'signs' the music for deaf people

PETER THOMPSON



The man in black "sign-interprets": Peter Llewellyn-Jones of English Touring Opera

The man dressed in black stands motionless at the side of the stage listening to the music from the orchestra. When the singers begin to sing, he starts to move his hands, his face, his body. Peter Llewellyn-Jones is busy sign-interpreting English Touring Opera's production of *L'Elisir d'Amore* for deaf members of the audience.

Opera for deaf people? Mr Llewellyn-Jones admits he was sceptical. "When the ETO asked me to 'sign-interpret' opera," he says, "I thought the idea was bizarre. I wondered whether they would really be interested."

In his work, Mr Llewellyn-Jones not only interprets the words but also characterises the tone and mood. Sometimes this involves interpreting six people singing at once, highlighting key phrases to the audience. He says: "You can't afford to waste time worrying about what you are going to do. You must have an understanding of the stage and be able to put across the intent and emotion of the singers. But there is a fine balance because you cannot overdo it: the audience has come to see the singers, not you. You are bound to lose something in translation, but you can put over the rhythm and intensity of the music."

Mr Llewellyn-Jones, 44, sign-interprets for the National Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company and English National Opera as opera for the deaf seems to be growing in popularity. He trained as a social worker with deaf, and hard-of-hearing people, and is now a senior lecturer at Wolverhampton University running a sign-language degree course. He has also worked as an actor.

Gillian Barker, ETO's education manager, was also cautious about opera for the deaf when the company ventured into this area. "It was a shot in the dark", she says, "We didn't know what to expect or whether it would work. But the response from deaf people, especially children, has been so strong that we've made it a regular part of our tours.

"We now offer interpreted performances in most places we visit. We also hold workshops where deaf adults and children can work with us through the day, explore the story, get to know the singers and work on the stage before the performance."

Mr Llewellyn-Jones says that with a little time and support at a workshop, the deaf can learn to love opera. He adds: "They understand the intended mood, and that some passages go quickly, some slowly. By putting their hands on a singer's head, chest or back while they are singing, the children get an idea of the different tones, frequencies and range of voices.

"We give youngsters the words and rhythm of a scene and they are asked to decide how they would stage it. They get an understanding of what an opera performance is like, why it is different from a stage play, why music is used. When they come to see the professional performance in the evening, they have a clearer idea of how a company works."

ETO has been so encouraged by the response to its workshops that it has recently started to open them for deaf and hearing students working together. The first was in Brighton, where young people on a GCSE music course joined peers from the Hamilton Lodge School for Deaf Children. The hearing pupils were encouraged to compose music.

Margaret Moore, Hamilton Lodge's principal, says: "It was the pupils' first experience of opera. They never lost interest and seeing the performance in the evening gave meaning to the exercise."

ANGELA WIGGLESWORTH

HAGLEY SCHOOL MEMORIAL PROM



Students from Hagley School

A SPECIAL Schools Prom in memory of the 12 children and their teacher who died in the M40 minibus crash last year is being held on April 22. *The Times* is among sponsors of the event at the Royal Albert Hall in London to raise money for Hagley School, Hereford & Worcester. In tribute to the victims the school wants to build a music centre and sports hall. Pupils from Hagley will attend the concert in the presence of Prince Edward. Performers include Peter Skellern, John Dankworth and Anthony Hopkins. Readers of *The Times* can buy £20 seats in the stalls for £15. Telephone the box office, quoting the offer, on 071-589 8212.

The University of London's expansion hopes depend on diplomacy

John Patten, the Education Secretary, flies to Malaysia today on a trade mission overtaken by events. A trip originally intended to promote British expertise in higher education, training and educational equipment to Malaysia and Singapore has assumed national importance as the Government tries to mend relations with Kuala Lumpur in the wake of the Pergau dam row, and to lift the ban on British contracts.

The stakes are particularly high for the University of London because its plans to become the first foreign university to open an outpost in the Malaysian capital are at a delicate stage. Travelling with Mr Patten will be Stewart Sutherland, the university's Vice-Chancellor, who seeks to secure his proposals to open a new university college in Kuala Lumpur.

The college would be committed to international standards of excellence with an international outlook; privately funded, owned and managed by Malaysians with the ownership and academic management separated; a constituent institution of the University of London, teaching in English for University of London degrees and subject to London's academic quality standards but with local autonomy. It would also have a national and regional research commitment to underpin teaching.

The present cooling of relations between the two countries because of controversy surrounding British contracts has caused some concern but the university has been reassured by Anwar Ibrahim, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia. He says that the decision to cease awarding new contracts to British companies does not include the private sector or education.

Sulaiman Daud, the Education Minister, has also said that the British ban would not affect co-operation between the two countries in education, such as twinning programmes and acadaemic co-operation at university level. Only "physical projects", such as the construction of university or college buildings, would be affected (which would not involve London).

The plans were first approved by the University of London in the autumn of 1992 after a feasibility study. Since then discussions have been continuing with the Malaysian investors, whose support is crucial.

John Major raised the project on his visit to Malaysia last September with the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, while the Queen discussed it with the King of Malaysia on his visit to Britain the following month.



Stewart Sutherland: new college

A teaching arm in Malaysia

After these discussions, the Malaysian government announced that it was changing its policies to allow foreign universities to establish campuses in Malaysia and to allow more teaching in English. Certain legal changes still have to be approved but the university hopes to admit its first undergraduates in the summer of 1997.

Malaysia has for years reaped the benefits of a highly educated, skilled population. The government spends £1 billion a year sending 55,000 students abroad for all or part of their education, but further improvement now depends on a rise in the present substantial amount of private investment in education.

Supporters of the London University project say that it would increase high-level, economically relevant education provision at no cost to taxpayers, replicate in Malaysia many of the benefits of study abroad and provide a focus for new teaching and research approaches in collaboration with existing institutions.

The University of London, which would have an important voice in the academic planning of the college, believes that it would make a positive and distinctive contribution to Malaysia's national academic life as a well as adding to the strengths and diversity of the University of London.

Professor Sutherland says the Malaysian students at London have already achieved an impressive record of academic performance so it is likely that the new college could make a significant contribution to the further development of educational opportunity for all Malaysians. He believes that the college will raise Malaysia's international academic profile, attract students and research funds to Malaysia from other countries, reduce the outflow of funds for education abroad and increase the number of top-class teachers and researchers in Malaysia.

The main subjects planned for the first phase are economics, computer science and information technology, business and management studies and law. They would be supported by courses in statistics and quantitative methods, economic history, accountancy and finance; international relations; and language studies. Most of the staff will be Malaysians assisted by academics from other countries to help to provide a wider perspective. Initially a number of senior staff will be seconded from London colleges.

A keen supporter of the project, Professor Sutherland hopes that all the permissions and legal changes will be made as soon as possible, to the benefit of both Kuala Lumpur and London. He says: "The new university college will help to meet Malaysia's increasing demand for sophisticated, adaptable, highly trained manpower."

Professor Sutherland will host a reception for University of London graduates in Kuala Lumpur tomorrow, which will be attended by Mr Patten and the university's business partners.

The university and the YTL Corporation of Malaysia, a major construction company, had hoped for the necessary approval from the Malaysian Department of Education this spring but they are still hopeful that the first undergraduates can be admitted in the summer of 1997.

DAVID TYTLER

[redacted]

United States	20,000
United Kingdom	15,000
Australia/New Zealand	10,000
Others	10,000

Understudy rises to be first lady of the theatre

Susan Gilchrist meets Janet Holmes à Court who, since her husband's death, has run Stoll Moss, a leading West End player



Janet Holmes à Court knows that the secret of success is getting bums on seats

The Greek masks of comedy and tragedy symbolise theatre and drama. But in the West End theatre there is another, more influential face. It belongs to Janet Holmes à Court, the most powerful woman in the industry. Through her company Stoll Moss, Mrs Holmes à Court owns ten major theatres, including The Theatre Royal, Her Majesty's, and The Palladium, where *The Olivier Awards*, the industry's equivalent of the Oscars, will be held in association with *The Times* on April 17.

Mrs Holmes à Court controls almost a third of the entire West End seating capacity. She is a prime mover in the world of commercial theatre, putting the business back into show business. Yet it was not a role of her own choosing. She was simply the understudy who was thrust unexpectedly into the spotlight in 1990 after the sudden death of her husband, Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian entrepreneur, who died from a heart attack, aged just 53, as he battled to rebuild the £400 million fortune he had lost in the 1987 stock market crash. His wife inherited his debts along with Heytesbury Holdings, which owned Stoll Moss as well as interests from construction to cattle.

Like all the best stage scripts, the understudy has gone on to become the star. She certainly looks the part. An incredibly well-groomed, even glamorous, blonde, she is always immaculately dressed. With her gift of the garb, she looks as if she could be running the corporate finance department of an international investment bank.

She acts the part too. She talks of profits, cashflow, contracts and management structures with consummate ease. While directors and actors agonise about their art, and critics applaud worthy revivals of difficult plays, Mrs Holmes à Court knows what makes theatres tick — bums on seats. Forget Ibsen and Chekhov, most of Stoll Moss's theatres are populist monuments, housing long-running musicals and farces such as *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Miss Saigon*, *Five Guys Named Moe*, *Don't Dress for Dinner* and until recently *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Mrs Holmes à Court is defiantly unashamed of her record. "Stoll Moss has to be run like a business and there is nothing obscene about doing that. If you are running ten theatres in the West End and not making any money, it's a disaster for the rest of the industry. We have to have shows that appeal to a broad range of people. If we put Chekhov in every one of our theatres, we would soon go out of business. There just aren't that many people wanting to see serious theatre *every* night in *every* one of our ten theatres." The commercially shrewd Mrs Holmes à Court refuses to fall into the trap suffered by many "luvvies", who believe they are elevating the stage when they are merely depressing the audience.

After all, what a theatre landlord fears most is a dark, empty auditorium: it costs up to £10,000 a week to maintain a large theatre. Mrs Holmes à Court says: "*Phantom* and *Miss Saigon* have been great for us. There is something happening in those theatres every night, and nearly every seat has got a bottom sitting on it." Similarly *Joseph* filled the 2,000 seats of the Palladium for two and a half years.

She thinks it would be unhealthy, however, if all theatres were occupied by long-running shows. "You want things to be turning over a bit, so new work can come in."

It is no good just having a show, you have to have a show that packs them in. Most productions need to sell as much as 70 per cent of the tickets just to break even. Critical acclaim cannot save a show, as the producers of *City of Angels* learnt after their production was forced to close prematurely despite rave reviews. Indeed, the critics are almost irrelevant to the success of commercial theatre. Jim Davidson's out-of-season "adult" pantomime *Sinderella* which opened at Stoll Moss's Cambridge theatre earlier this year met with a universal panning yet is proving hugely popular. Described as unoriginal and unfunny by critics, Mr Davidson was held up as "the thief of bad gags".



Mrs Holmes à Court brusquely dismisses such criticism, believing that in its own way the show actually democratises culture. "The people who are coming to *Sinderella* have often never been to the West End before. To me that is fantastic. They see that theatre can be fun, and they may now go again. I called in on Saturday night and the audience was having the best time, that's what the theatre is supposed to be about."

She admits to being appalled at the standards of service and environment in the West End compared with those in other countries. "As people travel more and see *Phantom* in Toronto or Melbourne, they will come to London and say 'we don't have to put up with this'." Stoll Moss is spending £10 million over the next five years refurbishing all its theatres.

In her role as "people's champion", she has also rejected pleas from theatre luminaries such as Harold Pinter and Dame Judi Dench to re-name the Queens theatre after Sir John Gielgud, the elder statesman of British drama. "I don't think it is appropriate to change the name when we have such a lot of different types of shows in there." It is currently home to the tap-dancing extravaganza *Hot Shoe Shuffle*. "Sir John is one of the greatest actors of the twentieth century, but he didn't roller-skate or tap-dance or do the things we sometimes have on at the Queens." She is, however, thinking of renaming the Apollo after Sir John.

While Mrs Holmes à Court knows what sells to the mass-market, she is no philistine. She is an avid fringe theatre-goer and has many friends in the arts world including Cameron Mackintosh and Helen Montagu, the Australian producer. Under her leadership, Stoll Moss has provided funds to the Almeida theatre when it ran into financial difficulties as well as helping out smaller theatre companies. She is also keen to set aside one of the company's West End theatres as a permanent site for developmental work from emerging artists.

She probably understands the doyens of subsidised theatre far better than they understand her. "I don't feel jealous that they are getting subsidised. I think it is terrific. It is very expensive and very risky to develop new product. A lot of plays just wouldn't happen if it weren't for subsidised theatre." The West End also benefits because many successful productions transfer to its theatres for a longer run.

She eschews her husband's confrontational approach although she shares his determination. "I felt that when Robert died I didn't have to inherit his friends or his enemies. I had to do it my way, not his way."

One of his more public disputes was with Andrew Lloyd-Webber after Mr Holmes à Court bought a minority stake in the Really Useful Group, then a public company, in an attempt to force the sale of the Palace Theatre to Stoll Moss. "Robert's view was that he would become such an irritant, Andrew would have to sell him the theatre. I met with Andrew and I could see there was just no way he would sell — he absolutely loves that theatre."

She believes Heytesbury is a different entity now. "Under Robert, the company was like a pyramid. He was at the top and there were lots of minions below him, taking instructions, paying homage and telling him what he wanted to hear. What I am trying to do is turn it up the other way by devolving power."

She has blossomed since she emerged from his shadow, but you wonder whether she resented being left to deal with the problems and the debts. Now that she is on her own, is she ever lonely? "Not really, I don't have the time. You sometimes feel a bit lonely at the end of the night, but my life is so busy, to be lonely would be a bit of a luxury."

Families and profit in peril as firms push staff too hard

If, because it's the Easter holiday, you have the time to read this, you may be part of the "fear culture" pervading British industry. In spite of there being three million unemployed, untold millions are on a workaholic treadmill. Retirement age for women is to go up when young people cannot get a job.

Mintel last week reported that "the Eighties dream of an early and comfortable retirement has faded for millions". Paul Hersey, of Mintel, says: "People are feeling they're having to work harder to ensure that they maintain a quality of life after retirement."

A vicious circle of overwork and no work is encompassing Britain. An ever-shallower pool of workers appears to work longer hours to try to avert redundancy — allowing more colleagues to be made redundant and increasing the fear. For many, the last decade's dream of a flexible, "family-friendly" future seems farther off than ever — in spite of growing acceptance of the idea. A study by the Scottish Association for Mental Health says that the need for firms to be "leaner and fitter" is driving more workers to the emotional edge, with stress and mental illness costing the UK an estimated £6.2 billion.

From this month, employers must pay more for employees' sick pay, leading Professor Cary Cooper, the occupational psychologist, to fear that those who cannot stand the strain may be considered too great a drain. Bifu (the Banking Insurance and Finance Union) is, says its spokesman, Noel Howell, concerned that some firms "are using a point system to decide on redundancies in the way they decide whether people are suitable for a loan — in which sickness absence counts against them". He said: "One absence of two months for a heart attack is better than several short absences for different illnesses."

"Family-friendly" policies of the 1980s are slipping away, unions say. TSB's new "career break" policy removes an important right enjoyed under the existing "parental leave" scheme — to be guaranteed a job on their return, at the same grade as their old one. Fiona Cannon, of TSB, said: "There has been no policy change in our career break scheme." The anomaly may be a question of semantics.

Companies try to put a positive gloss on changes. "Downsizing" (firing people) becomes "rightsizing".

Today's fiercely competitive corporate culture can make employees fear to take advantage of any generous career break or parental leave packages. "You know it's not going to do your chances any good," a financial industry employee says.

Joanna Foster, of the UK's International Year of the Family, which has a conference on family-friendly employment on April 12, says: "There are some real paradoxes ... 'Flexible work' sounds very family-friendly, but it's often more friendly to the employer than the employee. Look at the trends towards casual, part-time and seasonal work without training or prospects. Families are also suffering from the work pressures of the new performance culture."

Professor Cooper said: "When times are tough, being family- and people-friendly is not seen as a bottom line issue, even though it should be, particularly now that we're bottoming out of the recession and the demographics we were worried about in the 1980s are still there. You have to show corporations that all the socio-psychological improvements you can make actually save them money in higher productivity and lower turnover — which they do. It's no good just shouting that it's morally right."



Nouss: "heads are rolling all the time"

A man of 45 who had to take on extra responsibilities for no extra pay reports that "the pressure is on to stay until 7 o'clock at night, and recently they abolished overtime for our level of management and said you had to work extra hours 'if necessary'." Younger colleagues do it, he says, but he cares too much about family commitments to play power games, and so has, he feels, lost promotion.

Progressive working practices such as nine-day fortnights, or four-day weeks, are being revoked for a return to a five-day week. For retail staff, a five-day week has become six days in some cases, with extended opening hours, although theoretically voluntary, increasing expectations. Employees unhappy with changes can be told to take their individual contracts elsewhere.

Hunada Nouss, tax director for Grand Metropolitan's foods business, which "recently had reorganisations which have resulted in significant head-count losses", chairs the City Women's Network. She says: "Everybody's aware that an individual has to add value to an organisation today and if they don't they're out — heads are rolling all the time. The days of coasting are gone. And there is a view that family-friendly policies are all very well in theory but people who take up the opportunities are damaging their long-term career prospects. It's all very well having these policies, but if there's no culture change behind it, that, too, is a significant pressure."

Dr Mike McKiernan, director of health for Lucas Industries, runs its preventative counselling, and says: "One person's stress can be another's challenge. We have examples where 'vertical de-integration' has given people greater opportunities, and haven't detected any additional stress through our monitoring even though five years ago we had 30,000 UK staff and there are now 23,000."

Kate Corfield, of the Women in Lucas project, is to announce policies to "enable people to adopt more flexible working arrangements when they've got caring responsibilities — and an innovative approach to child care support". This will involve a range of choices, since "in a big company no one type of support may suit everybody".

She says: "When you've got far fewer people delivering to much higher expectations, it's very unwise for companies to try to put staff in a position where they are responsible employees but irresponsible parents. That will put greater strain on everybody."

Research indicates that much depends on whether a worker is motivated merely by financial considerations or fears about job security.

There is evidence that joyless work can be as much a killer as unemployment, with those trapped in work over which they have no control likelier to have heart attacks than top managers. Professor Janet Spence, the psychologist who distinguished "work addicts" (driven workaholics) from "work enthusiasts" (productive, well adjusted hard workers), found attitude to matter more than hours worked. Enthusiasts were far healthier and more productive than addicts.

Finding ways to make work life-enhancing, as well as economy-enhancing, is the challenge facing companies beginning to discover, to their cost, that the bottom line isn't always the bottom line.

VICTORIA MCKEE

The writer is also the author of a book on workaholism, WORKING IT OUT, *Robson, 1991.*

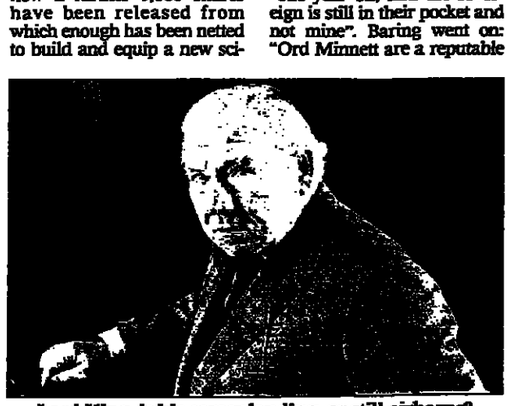
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Last exit from Babcock?

WRITING off Lord King of Wartnaby is a dangerous game. Predictions that he is to stand down this year as chairman of Babcock International, after 24 years in charge, have been hailed as the end of his high-profile career, as was his earlier departure from the chair at British Airways. Admittedly, Babcock was his lordship's preferred personal base, but he once tried to shed his commitment there when a merger was arranged with FKI. Only when that unravelled did he again have to take control. And Lord King is already planning to continue his career in listed companies as non-executive chairman of Aerostructures Hamble Holdings, an aircraft components firm on the runway for a stock market quotation later this year. Old-timers will recall that plain John King made his name, and his early fortune, by making much of an apparently unpromising manufacturer of ball bearings.

Chain reaction

GLAXO shares may be in the doghouse this year but they have served the girls at Craigholme School in Glasgow rather well. In 1957, Sir Harry Jephcott, Glaxo chairman 1945-63, donated £200 of ordinary stock to Craigholme, then representing 400 ten shilling units worth about £900. The shares were held as The Jephcott Prize Trust for the purpose of advancing education and promoting the study of science at the school. It was also conditional that the shares were to provide an annual Jephcott Prize which "shall be to the value of not less than five pounds sterling". Since then, the shares have split and multiplied mightily with the growing fortunes of Glaxo. Some of the original bloc was sold in 1987 to help to fund a school extension, and now a further 9,000 shares have been released from which enough has been netted to build and equip a new science room — to be opened on April 15 by Glaxo's Dr Anil Kumar, manager, education development. The Trust still holds 7,000 Glaxo shares.



Lord King: is his career landing, or still airborne?

Midas touches

NOBODY lightly crosses gold guru Julian Baring. He has a long memory, as a paragraph in a recent newsletter to Mercury Gold and General Fund unitholders testifies. In 1993, Baring won a competition organised by broker Ord Minnett by picking the five gold shares to appreciate the most in 1993. The prize was a sovereign. But, as he mused, "one year on, and the sovereign is still in their pocket and not mine". Baring went on: "Ord Minnett are a reputable firm and they can easily afford a sovereign, so I have absolutely nothing to worry about." Lo and behold! one gleaming sovereign has suddenly arrived on his desk, and as a true gold bug Baring says he is very happy to hold on to it. Contrast that with Bernard Hunter, a Sydney-based metals trader with bullion house Mocatta, who at 28 beat a distinguished field to win a five-coin set of Australian nugget gold bullion coins at the recent Australian Gold Conference in Perth, for predicting the end-of-1993 price of gold within 60 cents. Hunter's guesstimate for this year's closing price is $445 (current gold price: $390). But will Hunter follow his hunch? When asked what he would do with his prize, Hunter said: "I'd be quite happy to write a two ounce put option on the gold price to protect my downside."

Bear-faced cheek

IF you ever doubted that the Russians are a strong and beefy lot, here is the proof. Organised smuggling of Russia's natural wealth has reached alarming proportions, and the Interior Ministry reports that 9,477 cases were uncovered last year. Depite a quadrupling of customs officers, the total weight of smuggled goods is still Olympian. Last year's prosecutions involved 17,800 tonnes of metals, 97,900 tonnes of oil products, and 157,400 cubic metres of timber.

VERY soon the flaming red passion of Italy — the Ferrari Formula One car — will be virtually an all-British production. The car, designed by Briton John Barnard, performed well on its first outing in the Brazilian Grand Prix last week, but the team was still not completely happy with its aerodynamics. Now Ferrari has decided to abandon its own wind tunnel at Maranello and take the car to one owned by British Aerospace in Bristol.

Ale fellow

HAS anyone got a pub to spare? Graham Cook, chief executive of an American company called Winston's, wants to cart one off to California. Cook wrote to the 56 largest brewers in Britain asking if they had a 19th-century interior surplus to requirements. He wants to dismantle it and reconstruct it in the Napa Valley as a tribute to the life and times of Sir Winston Churchill. The brewers, he complains, are not taking him seriously. Only one replied ... and that was to say no.

COLIN CAMPBELL

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.05
Austria Sch	18.42	16.92
Belgium Fr	54.24	49.84
Canada $	2.180	2.000
Cyprus Cyp£	0.779	0.729
Denmark Kr	10.36	9.55
Finland Mkk	8.79	7.99
France Fr	8.92	8.22
Germany Dm	2.63	2.42
Greece Dr	383.00	358.00
Hong Kong $	12.12	11.12
Ireland Pt	1.08	1.00
Italy Lira	2499.00	2344.00
Japan Yen	167.50	160.50
Malta	0.622	0.567
Netherlds Gld	2.935	2.705
Norway Kr	11.38	10.58
Portugal Esc	266.50	248.00
S Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	209.50	195.50
Sweden Kr	12.18	11.38
Switzerland Fr	2.24	2.06
Turkey Lira	35369.0	32869.0
USA $	1.582	1.452

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading Thursday.

Answers from page 35

FEUTE

(c) The track or spoor of an animal, also *fewte*, from the Old French *fuite*, explained unpersuasively by Littré as *voies du cerf qui fuit*: Malory, *Le Morte d'Arthur* 1470-85: "He saw a black brachet seeking as it had been in the feute of an hurt deer."

GODIVOE

(a) A kind of mince or forcemeat, a pie made from this, from the French *godiveau* of uncertain origin: "Godivoe is a sort of pie filled with a delicious farce made of veal, and several other kinds of meat; or else of carps, pikes, and other fish, for days of abstinence."

QUIDNUNC

(b) A gossip, a stickybeak, somebody who always wants to know the office goss. From the Latin *quidnunc* literally "what now?" Significantly, the word used to be commonly taken to mean a politician. Grose mentions a character named Quidnunc, a politician, in a farce called *The Upholsterer*.

SNIDDLE

(c) Coarse grass, rushes, or sedge, probably from the stem of OE *snithan* to cut: "The floor of the cheese-room is generally covered with a coarse grass resembling rushes, called 'sniddle'."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Rxg2+! 2 Rxg2 Qxg5 3 Rxa2 Qf4+ and 4 ... Qxd4 and Black wins easily.

BBC1

7.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1122461)

7.10 Johnson and Friends (5722425) **7.20 Peep and the Big Wide World.** Cartoon (1322669) **7.35 The Birthday Dragon** Animation (5870487)

8.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4354549) ***8.10 Litt' Bits.*** Cartoon (4332549) **8.35 Smoggies!** Animation (9127510)

9.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5320452) **9.05 The Legend of Prince Valiant** Animation (2116094) **9.30 Why Don't You...?** Good ideas for bored children (48210)

10.00 Henry's Cat (r) (9615452) **10.10 Playdays** (r) (s) (2895181) **10.35 Harry and the Hendersons** American comedy (8005704)

11.00 FILM: Kidnapped (1971). Michael Caine is Alan Breck fleeing the massacre at Culloden in Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale. With Jack Hawkins. Directed by Delbert Mann (4143723)

12.40 Daffy Duck Double Bill (87292162) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (77960617)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (54667433)

1.10 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (89498891)

1.30 Bank Holiday Grandstand introduced by Dougie Donnelly. The line-up is (subject to alteration). **1.35, 3.25** and **4.10** Motorcycling: the British Supercup Championship from Donington. **1.55, 2.25, 2.55** Racing from Chepstow; **3.55** the Jameson Irish Grand National from Fairyhouse. **2.10, 2.40** and **3.10** Table Tennis: the European championships *from Birmingham; **4.40** Final Score* (94654655)

5.10 The Flintstones Cartoon fun (r) (1016520)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (849758)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (454365)

6.15 Regional news magazines (702549)

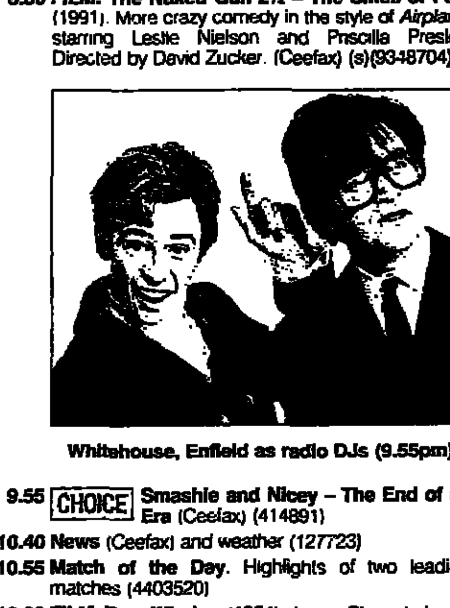
6.20 Disneytime. (Ceefax) (410452)

7.00 That's Showbusiness. Lorraine Kelly and Mark Little take on Ulrika Jonsson and actor Stephen Tompkinson. (Ceefax) (s) (1487)

7.30 Watchdog Holiday Special An update on food poisoning and swimming pool and fire safety in the Mediterranean resorts. (Ceefax) (723)

8.00 A Question of Sport. Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Kriss Akabusi, Ronnie Whelan, Mark Foster and Andy Platt. (Ceefax) (s) (4907)

8.30 FILM: The Naked Gun 2½ – The Smell of Fear (1991). More crazy comedy in the style of *Airplane!* starring Leslie Nielson and Priscilla Presley. Directed by David Zucker. (Ceefax) (s)(9348704)



Whitehouse, Enfield as radio DJs (9.55pm)

9.55 CHOICE **Smashie and Nicey – The End of an Era** (Ceefax) (414891)

10.40 News (Ceefax) and weather (127723)

10.55 Match of the Day. Highlights of two leading matches (4403520)

12.00 FILM: Rear Window (1954). James Stewart plays a photographer confined to a wheelchair who thinks he has discovered a murder while keeping watch on his neighbours through the window. With Grace Kelly and Thelma Ritter. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock (220940) **1.50 Weather** (7747292)

BBC2

8.10 FILM: Egg (1988). Dutch romantic comedy with English subtitles about a baker and his penfriend. Directed by Danniel Danniel (s) (4082177)

9.05 FILM: Anchors Aweigh (1945). Musical starring Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra. Directed by George Sidney (Ceefax) (96130839)

11.20 Fine Cut. Film about the mountain shepherds of Sardinia who face an uncertain future (8823655)

12.50 Songs of Praise from the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem (r) (Ceefax) (s) **1.25 The Legend of Paul Bunyan.** Animation (r) (54668162)

1.40 FILM: A Summer Without Boys (1973). A triangular love affair set in the Second World War *during which a mother and daughter both find love* with the same young man. With Barbara Bain, Michael Moriarty and Kaye Lenz. Directed by Jeannot Szwarc (5392568)

2.50 Young Musician of the Year. What children get out of writing music (s) (7553384)

3.30 FILM: Paint Your Wagon (1969) Musical about the Californian Gold Rush where prospectors Lee *Marvin and Clint Eastwood share one wife whom* they bought at auction. Directed by Joshua Logan. (Ceefax) (s) (353723)



Inventor Wallace and his dog, Gromit (6.00pm)

6.00 The Wrong Trousers. The only British Oscar winning film this year, this animation by Nick Park features the plasticine characters from the highlyacclaimed *Grand Day Out* (r) (Ceefax) (29)

6.30 The Natural World: Pandas of the Sleeping Dragon. An exploration of the wildlife of China's main panda reserve, Wolong Shan. (Ceefax) (s) (569443)

7.20 Young Musician of the Year. The piano final, introduced by Sarah Greene (s) (625617)

8.00 CHOICE **Portrait or Bust** (Ceefax) (842723)

8.50 Sister Wendy's Grand Tour A visit to the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam (Ceefax) (s) (667742)

9.00 Between the Lines: The Chill Factor Tony Clarke is determined to avenge Jenny Dean's death. The last in the present series (r) (Ceefax) (s) (567181)

9.50 True Brits Preview (224452)

9.55 FILM: Cadillac Man (1990). Robin Williams stars in the comedy drama about a high-living man who discovers he has inner strengths when the chips are down. Directed by Roger Donaldson (Ceefax) (s) (769704) **11.30 Weather** (970297)

11.35 FILM: Le Doulos (1962, b/w) French drama with English sub-titles about an ex-con who swears vengeance on the man who put him away. Starring Jean-Paul Belmondo. Directed by Jean-Pierre Melville (609758) Ends at **1.25am**

VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes
The numbers next to each TV programme listing are Video PlusCode™ numbers, which allow you to programme your video recorder instantly with a VideoPlus+™ handset. VideoPlus+ can be used with most videos. Tap in the Video PlusCode for the programme you wish to record. For more details call VideoPlus+ on 0839 121204 (calls cost 36p/min cheap rate 48p/min at other times) or write to VideoPlus+, Accmey Ltd, 5 Ivory House Plantation Wharf, London SW11 3TN. Videoplus+ (™), Pluscode (™) and Video Programmer are trademarks of Gemstar Development Ltd.

CHOICE



Alan Bennett paints a wry picture (BBC2, 8.00pm)

Portrait or Bust
BBC2, 8.00pm

Alan Bennett chooses Leeds City Art Gallery as the venue for his latest television essay in which he muses about painting, his Yorkshire childhood, anti-Semitism, the sins of the 1960s and the enterprise culture. The result is a piece of social observation as acute and wryly funny as his *Dinner At Noon*, which he made with the same production team in 1988. The bonus is that all the visitors to the gallery seem to have come straight out of Bennett plays. Thora Hird would be perfect casting for any of the group of elderly, no-nonsense women determined not to be thrown by the avant-garde. And if the know-all who keeps trying to *impress his companion with his artistic knowledge* was not created by Bennett, then he should have been.

Smashie and Nicey — The End of an Era
BBC1, 9.55pm

Harry Enfield and Paul Whitehouse return as the disc jockeys Dave Nice and Mike Smash in a spoof history of the profession since Radio Fab FM (alias Radio 1) first went on the air in the late 1960s. The uninitiated may find the enterprise overstocked with in-jokes and it certainly helps to have heard of Alan "Fluff" Freeman, the inspiration for Enfield's creation who turns up a couple of times as himself. But there are accessible gags as well, as when trick photography enables Smashie and Nicey to return to the black-and-white days to meet the Beatles, interview the Sex Pistols and make an early appearance on *Blue Peter*. Some of the verbal witticisms, such as Jimmy Old for Jimmy Young, are of a similarly high order.

Champions: Fit to Ride
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Three National Hunt jockeys prepare for the Grand National that never happened, in the first of a series of documentaries about British sport. The aim of *Champions* is to present an inside view and, implicitly, to appeal beyond the ranks of the committed fan. Kevin Mann's film succeeds triumphantly. The unwitting message is about social hierarchy, with the jockeys at the bottom of the pile. Owners and trainers have the posh accents while the jockeys take the hard knocks. It is a short career, modestly rewarded, and likely to be littered with injury. Of the jockeys featured, Carl Llewellyn has a broken collarbone and Richard Guest is recovering from fractured leg. Ironically, *since the National is aborted, it does not matter.*

Kris Kristofferson: Pilgrim
Channel 4, 10.55pm

Paul Joyce's feature-length profile trailers a short season of Kristofferson films. Joyce is always a name to look for, a guarantee of knowledgable and intelligent treatment. So it is here. If Joyce has a fault it is assuming the audience is already well acquainted with his subjects. Those unaware that the frequently mentioned Sam refers to Sam Peckinpah, who directed several of Kristofferson's films, may rightly feel mystified. That said, the story of the general's son and Rhodes scholar who shocked his family by becoming a bum in Nashville, emerges clearly enough. The programme ranges revealingly over the songs and the screen roles and charts Kristofferson's growing involvement in political protest. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (5725817)

9.25 NEW **Cross Wits.** Tom O'Connor returns to host the celebrity crossword game (2112278)

9.55 FILM: Wild in the Country (1961). Elvis Presley *stars as a rebellious hillbilly from America's South.* Directed by Philip Dunne (49936655)

12.00 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (60029)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (67207094)

12.40 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (7472891)

1.10 Skates of Gold. Torvill and Dean and Robin Cousins star in an ice spectacular (5525568)

2.00 FILM: Return of the Seven (1966). A sequel to the classic western *The Magnificent Seven.* Yul Brynner rides again with new recruits to the assistance of Chico. Directed by Burt Kennedy (347094)

3.50 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (8384907)

4.20 FILM: Moonraker (1979). Roger Moore is 007 investigating the disappearance of a space shuttle. Directed by Lewis Gilbert. Continues after the News (8465461)

5.15 ITN News (Teletext) and weather (1461128)

5.25 London Tonight (Teletext) (4354926)

5.30 FILM: Moonraker continued. (Teletext) (s) (39538)

7.00 Wish You Were Here...? Judith Chalmers visits the Turkish Riviera, Bobby Davro reports from Dubai and Martin Roberts tries the waters of Wales. (Teletext) (s) (3655)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (891)

8.00 Paul McKenna's Hypnotic Superstars. The ten best subjects from Paul McKenna's recent series return for some more treatment (s) (1907)

9.00 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes: The Mazarin Stone. Sherlock Holmes's brother Mycroft comes to the rescue when the great detective vanishes and a flawless French diamond goes missing. (Teletext) (s) (4471)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (124013) **10.15 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (550029)



Maverick androids Hannah, Hauer (10.20pm)

10.20 FILM: Blade Runner – The Director's Cut (1982). Harrison Ford stars as a 21st-century Los Angeles policeman charged with tracking down and eliminating four androids who have returned to Earth in a search for longevity. With Daryl Hannah and Rutger Hauer. Director Ridley Scott's own version. (Teletext) (s) (44238433)

12.30am The Little Picture Show. Mariella Frostrup reviews the new video releases (97501)

1.30 Shannon's Deal. The lawyer turned private eye has his hands full when his client demands secrecy to protect her double life (7346766) **2.20 Nite Bites** (s) (3637899) **2.30 Sport AM** with Bob Symonds (47872)

3.30 FILM: Gordon the Black Pirate (1961). A swashbuckling pirate, once a slave, sets out to trap a gang of slave-traders in San Salvador. With Vincent Price. Directed by Mario Costa (99747)

5.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (27650)

5.30 Morning News (11114). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 The Adventures of T-Rex. Animation (r) (3661433)

7.00 The Big Breakfast. Early morning mayhem with Gaby Roslin and Mark Little (38013)

9.00 King Arthur and the Knights of Justice. Animation (r) (75907)

9.30 Sharky and George. Underwater cartoon adventures of a pair of fishy detectives (9599641)

9.55 The Creation. Gustav Kuhn conducts the Arnold Schoenberg Choir and Collegium Aurem in a recording of Haydn's Oratorio, from the Old University in Vienna (r) (49925549)

12.05 The Lone Ranger (b/w). Vintage western adventures (4535758)

12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series with special guest actor Danny Glover (r) (28704)

1.30 Dr Snuggles (r) (50097)

2.00 Garden Club. A visit to Cambridge to see how local growers have coped with waterlogged soil caused by the sudden wet winter after years of drought. Plus a trip to allotments where potato growers are ready to sow and a tour of a small winter garden (r). (Teletext) (4821)

2.30 Racing from Kempton Park. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Magnolia Stakes **(2.40)**, the Harcross Queen's Prize **(3.10)**, the Quail Stakes **(3.40)** and the Westminster-Motor Taxi Insurance Rosebery Handicap Stakes **(4.15)**. Plus, at 3.55, the Irish Grand National from Fairyhouse, Dublin. Commentary from Graham Goode, John Oaksey, Lesley Graham, John Tyrrel and John McCririck (99655)

4.30 NEW **Fifteen To One.** A new series of the knock-out trivia quiz with host William G. Stewart (Teletext) (s) (704)

5.00 Don't Forget Your Toothbrush (r) (s) (5128)

6.00 A French Affair. A repeat of two programmes shown last week following the lives of four British families in the Dordogne. Successful professional people at home, they suddenly find themselves clueless in the middle of France. Financial pressure puts a strain on relationships as they follow their dream. (Teletext) (s) (90337029)

7.55 News summary and weather (435810)

8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (7617)

8.30 Only When I Laugh. Medical comedy series starring James Bolam, Peter Bowles and Richard Wilson. *Norman is getting ready for an operation* and Dr Thorpe believes he has the gift of healing (r). (Teletext) (9452)

9.00 CHOICE **Champions: Fit to Ride.** (Teletext) (s) (2013)

10.00 Northern Exposure. Comedy drama series set in the frozen wastes of Alaska. Holling is not the only one who is shocked when his illegitimate daughter arrives in town. (Teletext) (s) (279623)



Actor and singer Kris Kristofferson (10.55pm)

10.55 CHOICE **Kris Kristofferson: Pilgrim.** (Teletext) (s) (60661704)

12.45am When Love Dies. A couple whose marriage brought their families together find that after 12 years their hopes have turned sour (r) (6731698) Ends at **2.00**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Claire Sturgess (**FM** only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Kevin Greening **10.00** Steve Wright Special **1.00pm** Radio Hughes **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session in Sound City **10.00** Armando Iannucci **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Roger Royle **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Bob Holness **1.00pm** Kiri Te Kanawa (r) **2.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Six Silver Strings **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00** Charles Nove **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, including at **6.55** and **7.55** the 5 Live Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.04** Out and About **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Good for a Quote *Malcolm Allison* ***8.00*** *Champion Sport* Swindon Town v Sheffield Wednesday **10.00** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.00** The Other Side of Midnight **2.00-5.00am** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News and Features in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.10** News **7.15** The Learning World **7.30** Developing Health **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The Confessions of St Augustine **8.30** Days of Good Hope **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report Headlines **10.15** Sounds of Gospel **10.30** The Learning World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Developing Health **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and Press Review in German including Tips fur Touristen **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Composer of the Month: Johannes Brahms **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Jazz Score **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Confessions of St *Augustine* ***3.45*** *Rock 'n' Rice* **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News and Features in German **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News and features in German including Metropolis, Tips für Touristen **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** The Vintage Chart Show **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** The *is* Marvin Gaye **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Multitrack 1 **1.00** News **1.15** A Jolly Good Show **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** News **3.30** Jazz Score **4.00** News

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Richard Astbury **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Petroc Trelawney **2.00pm** La Belle Hélène Offenbach's satirical treatment of the story of Helen and Paris Toulouse Capitole Chorus and Orchestra under Michel Plasson **4.00** John Brunning **7.00** Leipzig Gewandhaus **8.00** Evening Concert Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur with Elisabeth Leonskaja, piano, perform Brahms (*Piano concerto No 2 in B flat*), Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor, Pathétique) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** N J Williams **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am Cartoon Time (7465984) **10.05-12.00am** The Man in the Iron Mask (60187471) **12.30am** Renegade (2693037) **1.25** Sport AM (2669698) **2.25** Memories of 1970-1989 (1776747) **3.20** The *Beat (7121698)* ***4.15*** *Jobfinder (3371105)* **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (27650)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55 Cartoon Time (7465984) **10.05-12.00am** The Man in the Iron Mask (60187471) **2.00pm-3.50** The Capture of Grizzly Adams (347094) **10.20-10.50** Millionaires (582968) **1.05am** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (4185698) **1.40** Wanted Dead or Alive (3304989) **2.10** Sport AM (6585327) **3.05** Hollywood Report (48776766) **3.35** Get Stuffed (10213969) **3.50** Night Shift (10294834) **4.05** Jobfinder (9851704) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6770105)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.55 Cartoon (7465984) **10.05-12.00am** The Man in the Iron Mask (60187471) **12.30am** Renegade (2693037) **1.25** Sport AM (2669698) **2.25** Memories of 1970-1989 (1776747) **3.20** The Beat (7121698) **4.15** Jobfinder (3371105) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (27650)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am Cartoon (7465984) **10.05-12.00am** The Man in the Iron Mask (60187471) **5.25pm-5.30** Meridian News and Weather (4354926) **10.15-10.20** Meridian News and Weather (550029) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (27650)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55 Cartoon Time (7465984) **10.05-12.00am** The Man in the Iron Mask (60187471) **10.15-10.20** Westcountry Latest (550029) **12.30am** Renegade (2693037) **1.25** Sport AM (2669698) **2.25** Memories of 1970-1989 (1776747) **3.20** The Beat (7121698) **4.15** Jobfinder (3371105) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (27650)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55 Cartoon Time (7465984) **10.05-12.00am** The Man in the Iron Mask (60187471) **12.30am** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (89853) **1.00** Sail the World (67766) **1.30** The Third Day Arrived the Crow (60259) **3.00** New Music (49766) **4.00** ITV Chart Show (3741698) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8837940)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (38013) **9.00** King Arthur And The Knights Of Justice (75907) **9.30** Sharky And George (9599641) **9.55** The Creation (49925549) **12.05pm** The Lone Ranger (4535758) **12.30** Sol Mathrin (55596) **1.00** The Long Summer (31100) **1.30** Blossom (50097) **2.00** The Sun And The Serpent (4821) **2.30** Channel 4 Racing (99655) **4.30** Slot 23 (1196520) **4.35** Ty *Chwth (1308297)* ***4.50*** *Parlwr Pop* (7587605) **5.30** Fifteen To One (384) **6.00** Newyddion (790704) **6.05** Cwlwm Serch (799075) **6.10** Y Brawd Houdini (518433) **7.05** Pobol Y Cwm (201520) **7.35** Gwyl Ffilmiau Celtaidd 1994 (251181) **8.30** Newyddion (378346) **8.45** Sgorio (701013) **9.45** Working Parts 21st (978636) **10.00** Brookside (89100) **10.30** Roseanne (65520) **11.00** Northern Exposure (266094) **11.55** The Goldring Audit (238988)

RTE 1
Starts: 10.00am News Headlines & Weather (3093568) **10.05** Babar (8986758) **10.25** Santa Barbara (5926723) **11.00** News Headlines & Weather (17458641) **11.05** Teletalk (47465029) **11.30** Challenging Times (9548278) **12.00pm** News Headlines & Weather (53642549) **12.05** The Lyrics Board (61094100) **12.30** Over To You (6187051) **1.00** News Headlines & Weather (59320426) **1.05** Cinnimte Nuachta (99418162) **1.25** Nationwide (99418926) **1.45** Aertel Financial Pages (38761723) **1.55** Encyclopaedia Galactica (38767907) **2.05** The Love Boat (6098452) **3.00** Live At Three (9542094) **4.00** News Headlines & Weather (40486926) **4.05** Emmerdale (53312636) **4.30** The Baron (6490297) **5.30** A Country Practice (8634636) **6.00** The Angelus (9811988) **6.01** Six-One (3220758) **6.35** We Were There (7533471) **6.54** Time Out (7373568) **7.00** Know Your Sport (8525075) **7.30** Heartbeat (9791810) **8.30** Ear To The *Ground (8626758)* **9.00** News And Weatherline (9550013) **9.30** Bakersfield P D (6082407) **10.00** Questions And Answers (17265487) **11.05** Murphy's Law (7097520) **11.35** Late News (4646346) **11.40** A Prayer at Bedtime (4749487)

NETWORK 2
Starts: 12.00 Country Music TV (54872384) **2.30** Bosco (29849100) **3.00** Den TV (53194636) **3.03** Rosie And Jim (82243177) *3.15 Happy Birthday (69480278)* **3.30** Soul (42381907) **3.45** New Scooby And Scrappy Doo (42379162) **4.00** Pop Goes The Den (74376907) **4.20** Taz-Mania (36320278) **4.50** The Joke Box (36407471) **4.55** The Cosby Show (12174346) **5.25** Tintin (69888723) **5.55** Brash (33669655) **6.25** Home And Away (97905556) **6.55** Nuacht (53997549) **7.03-7.30** Cursai (25586704) **8.00** News Headlines And European Weatherline (83816075) **8.05** Blackboard Jungle (54152758) **8.30** The Wonder Years (25687487) **9.00** Murphy Brown (16602520) **9.30** News Headlines (19630181) **9.35** Italian Soccer (30030182) **10.30** Network News And Weatherline (40177094) **10.50** St Elsewhere (80375181)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (51926094) **8.45** Cartoons (8948988) **9.30** Card Sharks (5815704) **9.55** Concentration (5823723) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (2443452) **10.30** The Urban Peasant (29159) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (53346) **12.00** Paradise Beach (13181) **12.30pm** E Street (30346) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (31029) **2.00** Shaka Zulu: mini-series (29891) **3.00** Another World (8699471) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (9495810) **5.00** Star Trek (8988) **6.00** Paradise Beach (7159) **6.30** E Street (1181) **7.00** Commercial Break (9617) **7.30** M*A*S*H (7365) **8.00** X-Files (96926) **9.00** Code 3 (51365) **9.30** Seinfeld (43810) **10.00** Star Trek (86549) **11.00** The Untouchables (74839) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (67292) **1.00am** Night Court (75327) **1.30-2.00** Hidden Video (85292)

SKY NEWS
6.00am Europe (51549) **9.30** 60 Minutes (65810) **10.30** Dayline (22617) **11.30** Japan Business Today (63100) **1.30pm** CBS News (27162) **2.30** Book Show (81013) **3.30** Travel Destinations (52346) **4.30** News and Business (4278) **5.00** Live at Five (2758) **7.30** Special Report (5907) **9.30** Talkback (82487) **11.30** CBS News (22968) **12.30am** ABC News (17389) **1.30** Special Report (89785) **2.30** Travel Destinations (43143) **3.30** Talkback (15360) **4.30** Special Report (18308) **5.30** CBS News (40476)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (6175182)
10.00 Father of the Bride (1991): Steve Martin is plunged into crisis when his daughter weds. With Diane Keaton (34162)
12.00 Grease 2 (1982): Maxwell Caulfield and Michelle Pfeiffer in inferior sequel to the Travolta/Newton-John original (33094)
2.00pm Kingdom of the Spiders (1977): William Shatner combats tarantulas (73029)
4.00 An American Tail: Fievel Goes West (1991) Cartoon adventures (6520)
6.00 Beethoven (1992). Canine comedy starring Charles Grodin (56394181)
7.40 UK Top Ten (447520)
8.00 Father of the Bride (as 10am) (65810)
10.00 Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) Cyborg Arnold Schwarzenegger travels back in time (98140926)
12.15am Turtle Beach (1992): Greta Scacchi becomes involved in the plight of the Vietnamese boat people (160872)
1.45 Terminator 2: Judgment Day (as 10pm) (13197259)
3.55 The Joy of Sex (1984). Adult comedy (15593495). Ends at 5.30

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Wrong Man (1956) Vintage Hitchcock thriller with Henry Fonda (75471)
8.00 Ghostbusters (1984) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Harold Ramis bush out mischievous spirits (54968)
10.00 Missing in Action 2 — The Beginning (1985) Chuck Norris rescues POWs (39181). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00 My Man Godfrey (1957): June Allyson falls for suave butler David Niven (79617)
8.00 The Story Lady (1991) Elderly Jessica Tandy is plunged into the savage world of network television (41013)
10.00 The Pumpkin Eater (1964): A woman is devastated by her husband's infidelity. With Anne Bancroft and Peter Finch (32704)
12.00 Teacher's Pet (1958): Comedy with Doris Day and Clark Gable (31636)
2.00pm Driving Me Crazy (1991) Ethan Randall makes life hell for his vulgar prospective stepfather, Ed O'Neill (91471)
4.00 What About Bob? (1991): Hypochondriac Bill Murray follows his psychiatrist (Richard Dreyfuss) on a family holiday (4182)
6.00 The Story Lady (as 8am) (89907)
8.00 The Butcher's Wife (1991) George Dzundza marries Demi Moore (83452)
10.00 Ricochet (1991) Psychopath John Lithgow stalks Denzel Washington (924704)
11.45 Soapdish (1991): The off-screen antics of soap opera stars far surpass anything the scriptwriters can dream up. Satirical comedy with Sally Field (789013)
1.25am The Good Family (1990): A model family disintegrates when the father suddenly dies. With Mary Tyler Moore (313650)
3.00 Notorious (1992): Remake of Hitchcock's 1946 thriller (247969)
4.35 My Man Godfrey (as 6am) (2920698). Ends at **6.05**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (90891) **7.30** NBA Basketball (148520) **10.00** British Open Snooker (97510) **11.00** The Big League: Leeds v Halifax (876817) **1.30pm** Snooker (5499704) **6.00** Soccer News (983988) **6.15** WWF Superstars (595742) **7.00** Football: Swindon Town v Sheffield Wednesday (99935029) **10.15** Soccer News (305926) **10.30** Snooker (29013) **12.00-2.00am** Football: Swindon v Sheffield (84094)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (97574) **8.00** Tennis (30617) **9.00** Tennis (28723) **10.00** Equestrian Events (887365) **12.30pm** Table Tennis (42346) **2.30** Tennis (92810) **4.00** Eurofun (6276) **4.30** Motorsports (54907) **5.30** Snowmobile (37704) **6.30** News (7907) **7.00** Speedworld (47032) **9.00** Boxing (38926) **10.00** Football (31013) **11.00** Eurogolf (47097) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (1991704) **7.30** Neighbours (4240549) **7.55** Sons and Daughters (4258568) **8.25** EastEnders (7051145) **9.00** The Bill (2449742) **9.30** Nancy Astor (8962365) **10.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (9386839) **11.30** The Sullivans (3892094) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2436278) **12.30pm** Neighbours (3022162) **1.00** EastEnders (1990075) **1.30** The Bill (3021433) **2.00** Adrian Mole (4517365) **2.30** Man about the House (4542920) **3.00** Knots Landing (3686810) **4.00** Dynasty (3488033) **4.50** Every Second Counts (3587636) **5.25** The Goodies (77463810) **5.55** Sykes (2696758) **6.30** EastEnders (6643159) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9102988) **8.00** Sorry! (4600029) **8.30** Man about the House (4516636) **9.00** Shoestring (9124100) **10.00** The Bill (2437907) **10.30** Happy Families (2821425) **11.10** Kenny Everett Show (9389094) **11.45** Dr Who (7322617) **12.15-2.05am** *FILM:* Escape from Fort Bravo (1953): A female Confederate agent organises a mass escape during the American Civil War (8547850)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am It's Droibee Time (39365) **7.00** RatKan **1** (8034297) **7.15** Tic Tac Toons (944471) **7.45** Beverly Hills Teens (943742) **8.15** Head to Head (5525723) **8.20** Costa (1543162) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (60100) **9.00** *Bobby's World (51452)* **9.30** Ghostbusters (87365) **10.00** Around the World (77549) **10.30** Castle of Adventure (57636) **11.00** Dinoriders (48839) **11.30** Finder (3292636) **11.55** Head to Head (6136742) **12.00** He-Man (46988) **12.30pm** Dungeons and Dragons (6010617) **12.55** Pershers (13736384) **1.00** You Can't Do That on Television (34078) **1.30** Mr Bogus (58270278) **1.55** Tooter Turtle (15568926) **2.00** Potsworth and Co (46882182) **2.25** Morph (78374433) **2.30** The Herbs (4996181) **2.40** Crystal Tipps and Alistair (1866278) **2.45** Babar (641487) **3.15** RatKan **II** (6117948) **3.20** Manu **II** (7882051) **3.30** Ernest the Vampire (5406100) **3.35** Special Link (1329013) **3.45** Spiff and Hercules (5492907) **3.55** Head to Head (3278297) **4.00** McGee and Me (6810) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (2094)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Batfink (4602297) **7.15** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (302471) **7.45** Rugrats (301742) **8.15** Rocko's Modern Life (6385364) **8.30** Speed Racer (26742) **9.00** Ultraman (17094) **9.30** Visionaries (43907) **10.00** Legends (69704) **10.30** Galaxy High School (13278) **11.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (97181) **11.30** Batfink (96810) **12.00** The Monkees (69518) **12.30pm** Galaxy High School (47723) **1.00** Clarissa Explains It All (97704) **1.30** Land of the Lost (46094) **2.00** Blue (3029) **2.30** Pete and Pete (1100) **3.00** Galaxy High School (9698) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (8407) **4.00** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (2452) **4.30** Rugrats (8636) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (4181) **5.30** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (9988) **6.00** Doug (2029) **6.30-7.00** The Monkees (3181)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Bellamy's Bird's Eye View (8342182) **4.30** The Arabians (2942146) **5.00** Pacifica: Tales from the South Seas (4808487) **5.30** Terra X (8247536) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (3038723) **7.00** New Explorers (4519723) **7.30** Those Who Dare (1592605) **8.00** Rafting Through the Grand Canyon (9119278) **9.00** Aussies (9122742) **10.00** The Big Race (2435549) **10.30** Classic Cars (2444297) **11.00** Earthfile (3871988) **11.30-12.00** In Search of Wildlife (6979520)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Flesh and Blood (1951, b/w): Family saga starring Richard Todd and Glynis Johns (6471839) **1.50pm** Dodo (63025838) **2.00 FILM:** Ships With Wings (1941, b/w): Flag-waver about the Fleet Air Arm. With John Clements (3583079) **3.50** Film Breaks (58864094) **4.00** The Flying Nun (4742128) **4.30** My Three Sons (2847592) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (4526013) **5.30** Hogan's Heroes (8142984) **6.00** I Spy (3032549) **7.00** Cannon (9120384) **8.00** The Avengers (3108704) **9.00 FILM:** Viva Las Vegas (1964): Elvis Presley vehicle (3897928) **10.30** The Vise (2431723) **11.00** Get Smart (3897742) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (8973346)

UK LIVING
7.00am Living (1543592) **8.00** Fighting Back (8480075) **8.30** Beautywise (8489346) **9.00** Dr Ruth Show (8403926) **9.30 FILM:** Duel of Hearts (1990): Regency period drama (45156568) **11.15** Gladrags and Glamour (59660758) **11.30** Delia Smith (4083075) **12.00** Stars and Signs (84112013) **12.15pm** Practical Living (56138891) **12.30** Housecalls (7031988) **1.00** On the House (2186094) **1.30** Beautywise (7136487) **2.00** Agony Hour (3156988) **3.00** Living Magazine (3096926) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (84753655) **4.00** Definition (2945568) **4.30** Infatuation (2934452) **5.00** Musiquest (2573297) **5.30** Practical Living (6182051) **5.45** Kilroy (8975520) **6.30** Take Six Cooks (2846297) **7.00** Definition (2553433) **7.30** That's Amore (2935181) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (4538013) **9.00 FILM:** Touched By Love (1980): True story of the pen-pal relationship between a cerebral palsy victim and Elvis Presley (23988013) **10.50** Fame and Fortune (8945617) **11.00** That's Amore (4007655) **11.30** Infatuation (3177471) **12.00-1.00am** Agony Hour (9248569)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (5839) **5.30** Zorro (3346) **6.00** Trivial Pursuit (8487) **6.30** Catchphrase (4839) **7.00** All Clued Up (6075) **7.30** The Pyramid Game (3723) **8.00** FILM: Running Brave (1983): The story of Sioux Indian Billy Mills who became an Olympic champion (50162) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (49617) **10.30** Rhoda (68365) **11.00** Lou Grant (18926) **12.00-1.00am** Remington Steele (38360)

MTV
5.00am Wild Side (852634) **8.00** VJ Ingo (489487) **11.00** Soul (97891) **12.00** Greatest Hits (79346) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (170452) **3.30** Report (1313452) **3.45** At the Movies (1318907) **4.00** News (8155297) **4.15** 3 from 1 (8139520) **4.30** Dial MTV (4452) **5.00** Hit List UK (81839) **7.00** Greatest Hits (72384) **8.00** Unplugged (58704) **9.00** Real World (20433) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (70075) **10.00** Report (184520) **10.15** At the Movies (189075) **10.30** News (958297) **10.45** 3 from 1 (944452) **11.00** Hit List (95617) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (52018) **2.00** Videos (5156105)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (26891) **7.00** Asian Morning (90988) **9.00** Saheal (71839) **10.00** Pakistani FILM (118487) **1.00** Serial (93075) **1.30** Cricket: India v New Zealand (939452) **4.30** Kiddie Time (9520) **5.00** TVA and You (4100) **7.00** Serial (1617) **7.30** BBCD (9365) **8.00** English News (570617) **8.15** Hindi FILM (24101297) **11.15** Padosi (807487) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (1968582) **1.35-2.00** Sight and Sound (6036698)

TNT
Theme: Easter Monday Menagerie
7.00pm Challenge to Lassie (1949, b/w): Tale of a faithful Skye terrier (27320487)
8.25 Flipper's New Adventure (1964): The dolphin thwarts a kidnapper (78054617)
10.10 The Bushbaby (1970): A girl and a bushbaby journey across Africa (48520297)
12.05am Gallant Bess (1946). A soldier and his horse become friends (30872653)
2.00 The Sun Comes Up (1949): Wartime drama with Jeanette MacDonald (22687650)
3.45 Ride 'em Cowboy (1936, b/w): Buck Jones swaps his car for a horse in this modern Western (67306058). Ends at **4.45**

RADIO 3

6.25am That Was . . . The sounds of dawn in the Lake District

6.55 Weather

7.00 On Air, with Catriona Young Handel (Concerto Grosso in E minor, Op 6 No 3); Vaughan Williams (Easter, Five Mystical Songs); Beethoven (Romance in G, Op 40), Rimsky-Korsakov (Russian Easter Festival Overture; Gibbons (The Silver Swan); Mendelssohn (Concerto in E for two pianos and strings)

9.00 Composer of the Week: Franz Schubert (Two Ländler in E, D618, Adagio and Rondo concertante in F, D487, Sei mir gegrüsst D741, Fantasy in C, *D934 Rondo in A D951*)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Haydn (Piano Trio in C, HXV27), *Artist of the Week:* Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Grieg (Peer Gynt, Suite No 1), Robin Holloway (Divertimento No 5, Op 67), Debussy (Images, Book I): Trad (Salobre, Mis Verleros); Britten (Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge)

12.00 Virtual Reality: Roderick Swanston looks at the historical context of opera

1.00pm BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Crusell (Clarinet Quartet in C minor, Op 4), Mendelssohn (String Octet in E flat, Op 20)

2.05 The BBC Orchestras: Tadaaki Otaka conducts the BBC Orchestra of Wales in a performance of Mahler's Symphony No 3 in D minor

3.45 The Italian Opera. Andrea Macinanti explores 200 years of organ music associated with the city of Bologna

4.30 Unsquare Dances Dave Brubeck talks to Geoffrey *Smith about his work in the* early 1960s with such jazz luminaries as Louis Armstrong and Charlie Mingus

5.00 The Music Machine. Errollyn Wallen discusses music and memory with musicians and psychologists

5.15 In Tune. Chausson (Allegro for clarinet and piano), Britten (Spring, the Sweet Spring, The Driving Boy, Spring Symphony); Mozart Symphony No 31 in D, K297, Paris

7.30 Betty Carter A recording of the American singer's Festival Hall concert last October

9.30 Telling Stories The first of three stories to be heard on successive evenings taken from the BBC's latest annual collection of radio stories. Tonight, Frederic Raphael's *The Wife of My Friend,* narrated by the author

9.55 Northern Sinfonia The cellist Heinrich Schiff both plays and conducts in tonight's *programme* Witold Lutoslawski (Funeral Music), Vivaldi (Cello Concerto in G, RV413), Hindemith (Herodiade, after Mallarmé)

10.45 Mixing It, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell

11.30 Music Restored The Ensemble Sonnerie perform early 17th-century sonatas

12.30-1.00am That Was . . . The sounds of a blustery night when snug indoors

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News, Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day

8.40 Waugh on Five More Fronts: Blondy and Pollen Simon Cadell reads a selection of letters written by Evelyn Waugh to his family and friends **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, presented by Melvyn Bragg and Rosie Boycott. Their guests are Muriel Gray, John Williams, Professor Richard Gregory and Jonathan Glancey

10.00-10.30 News; Families and How to Survive Them (FM only). John Cleese and psychiatrist Dr Robin Skynner discuss mothering (r)

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 The Ghost of Thomas Kempe (LW only) A ghost story by Penelope Lively Read by Willie Rushton (1/5) (r)

10.30 Woman's Hour From the Science Museum in London. Jenni Murray's audience decides which of four female scientists lost in space should be the one to be saved

11.30 Time Twins: Research scientist Peter Roberts and astrologer Marjorie Orr meet some twins to examine whether two unrelated people born at the same time are likely to have more in common than a randomly picked couple

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm Counterpoint: Musical quiz **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

2.00 News; A Second Summer, by Elizabeth Wainwright. *Cécile Clement escapes to the* beautiful Normandy countryside to gain a breathing space from her daughter Sophie and the rigours of Paris. Once there, she discovers that she has more than one ghost to lay. With the late Gwen Watford and David Calder (r)

3.00 Anderson Country

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope The American conductor Leonard Slatkin discusses his favourite film music

4.45 Short Story: Run and Ask Daddy If He Has Any More Money, by Fay Weldon

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 News 6.30 The News Quiz (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Food Programme (r)

7.45 The Monday Play: The Green Hill See Choice

9.15 The New Recruit See Choice

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime A Life of *One's Own, Traveller Gerald* Brenan's autobiography (1/5)

11.00 On the Ropes With guest Graham Taylor (r)

11.30 The Older Woman: Romantic comedy (2/6)

12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

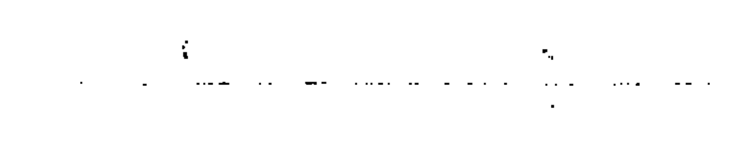
CHOICE

The Green Hill: The Detective. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

Two days after John Fletcher stunned my senses with his play *The Druid,* in which the Romans crushed Boudica, *its companion piece* has left me gasping. This time, Fletcher brings down his intellectual sledge-hammer on an anarchic Britain in the year 2025. It all starts conventionally enough, with two women detectives (Diana Quick and Adjoa Andoh) hunting the killers of London boy prostitutes. The play then goes into a spectacular spin. In this nightmare of a patriarchal society crumbling away, barbarism is disguised in pinstriped Whitehall suits and the nation's fate rests in the most unlikely hands.

The New Recruit. *Radio 4, 9.15pm.*

It is the old hand, not the new recruit, who hugs the spotlight in the first of Lucy Lunt's resumed series. Later programmes will doubtless conform more to the title, as I seem to recall previous series did. The old hand tonight is Marigold Barker, for 30 years buyer for women's underwear at Harrods. Clearly, she did not suffer fools gladly. Small wonder that her 1994 counterpart, Louise Garner, sounds somewhat in awe of her. **Peter Davalle**


THE CLASSIC OPERA GUIDE.
TUESDAY 7PM.
CLASSIC FM 100–102

RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM 88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM 92.4-94.6. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m. CLASSIC FM: FM 100-102. VIRGIN: *MW 1215, 1197, 1242 kHz.* *COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND GILLIAN MAXEY*

STAGE STRUCK 34
THE WOMAN WITH TEN THEATRES IN THE WEST END

BUSINESS

FALSE ECONOMY 34
LONGER WORKING HOURS FALL SHORT ON THE BOTTOM LINE

MONDAY APRIL 4 1994

BUSINESS EDITOR ROBERT BALLANTYNE

Recovery now expected to survive tax rise

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE Treasury and private economists are becoming increasingly confident that the sharp rise in taxes due to start on Wednesday will not stop recovery, even if it dents consumer spending.

The tax rises, some £6.6 billion a year imposed in Norman Lamont's spring 1993 Budget and a further £1.7 billion by Kenneth Clarke in November, form the biggest rise on record. Fear of their impact has been inflamed by uncertainty due to the long gap before their arrival.

In an interview with *The Sunday Times*, the Chancellor said: "I do not believe it will damage the recovery. My forecast of 2.5 per cent growth in gross domestic product this year is regarded as completely credible by most of the commentators and by the markets."

Since November, the economy has been growing relatively strongly, raising hopes that it has gained enough momentum to offset the tax rises. Retail sales have grown slightly faster than the annual 2 per cent assumed in the Treasury forecast, business confidence has not been hit and output, though erratic, has shown some upward momentum.

After a fall in December, the Central Statistical Office recorded a 1.1 per cent monthly rise in manufacturing output in January. City economists felt that January's strong performance reflected problems with seasonal adjustments rather than actual activity, but they still expect the February figures, due on Thursday, to show a month-to-month rise of between 0.5 per cent and 0.7 per cent. Economists from BZW, the investment banking group, said that the past two surveys from the CBI suggested manufacturing should strengthen further over the next two months. Both BZW and Goldman Sachs forecast that the British economy will grow by 2.8 per cent this year, while SG Warburg and James Capel expect 3 per cent. These calculations could be upset, however, if consumers lose confidence as a result of the intense public discussion of the tax increases, many of which the Chancellor had hoped were "hidden".

The greatest blow for consumers is the imposition of 8 per cent VAT on fuel and power, rising to 17.5 per cent from April 1995. The effect will build up as bills arrive, although the worst may not be felt until next winter.

Pay packets of most families will be hit immediately by a series of measures:

☐ The main rate of employees' national insurance contributions will rise from 9 to 10 per cent and be charged on a slightly wider band of incomes up to £430 a week. According to Price Waterhouse, the accountant, the combined effect will leave anyone earning more than £22,360 a year £237 a year worse off.

☐ Relief on the married couple's allowance is restricted to the 20 per cent tax band, costing a 25 per cent tax payer £86 a year and a higher rate taxpayer £344.

☐ Relief on the first £30,000 of a mortgage is likewise cut from 25 to 20 per cent.

Some increases in individuals' tax burden will not change net incomes immediately because they stem from allowances and tax bands not being uprated for inflation. The basic personal allowance was frozen at £3,445 for those under 65 and tax bands were not uprated, costing higher rate taxpayers £104 a year. The main married couple's allowance and the ceiling on mortgage relief were also frozen.

The complex mix of tax rises explains why claims about the effect on supposedly average families vary between about £5.75 and £15 a week. John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, said: "If our members are to survive in today's economy they will need substantial pay increases."

DIY stores keep an eye on the weather

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

BRITAIN'S DIY retailers will be hoping for sunshine today, after wet and windy weather has threatened the most crucial trading weekend of the year.

Easter is traditionally one of the busiest weekends for the industry as consumers use the holiday to tackle DIY jobs and get out into the garden. DIY enthusiasts often spend more than £100 million over the four day break. However, a spokesman for Do It All said that sales in the sector could be badly hit by poor weather. "It is very bad news if it is wet and windy as people don't bother to go out," he said.

The DIY retail market is still in the doldrums according to Clive Vaughan, of Verdict, the retail consultant. He said: "Things are still a bit sickly, although the price promotion mania, with its '25 per cent off' sales every weekend, has now calmed down." While B&Q, the market leader, has gone from strength to strength following the success of its Key DIY campaign, Texas and Do It All are struggling.

Do It All has converted 35 of its 220 outlets to a new trading format, which it claims is achieving significantly higher sales densities. A spokesman said that the DIY market remained "pretty grim", although the past few weeks had started to see an upturn. Much of the recent rise was driven by an increase in sales of insulation materials as consumers sought to limit the impact of VAT on their fuel bills.

A B&Q spokesman said that it expected to sell 1 million litres of white paint, 500,000 rolls of wall-covering and 4 million litres of compost over Easter.



MARC ASPLAND

Beating the drum: Mark Getty, left, and Jonathan Klein are seeking British acquisitions for Getty family funds

Gettys focus cash on UK prospects

BY JON ASHWORTH

TEN years after selling their oil interests to Texaco for $11 billion, the Getty family's trusts have thrown their weight behind two young entrepreneurs with a view to building a sizeable UK — and ultimately Europe-wide — investment portfolio.

Mark Getty and Jonathan Klein, 33-year-old former corporate financiers with Hambros Bank, are preparing to make a string of acquisitions at £30 million to £40 million a time. Their company, Blueprint Associates, will advise Getty Investment Holdings, a holding company incorporated in Delaware, which has several Getty family members on its board and will provide funds for the UK expansion.

Mr Getty, whose uncle Gordon Getty, in San Francisco, is head of the clan, said: "I had been thinking for a long time about developing a strategy for direct investment with respect to one family trust I am involved with. Many Getty trusts have direct investments, but they have been opportunistic. There has been no coherent strategy."

This is the first time since the sale of Getty Oil that the majority of the trusts have collaborated in this way. Mr Getty and Mr Klein have spent four months "beating the drum" in their quest for suitable targets. "We're letting them know we're different," Mr Klein said. "We're not looking to go to a company and suggest that in four years' time we'll float and make a fortune. We're looking 10, 15, 20 years down the line."

The investment criteria are very particular. The first, key acquisition will be of a profitable, well-run UK-based company with a three- to five-year record. High-technology, property and financial services companies have been ruled out, as have those too reliant on one person. Potential candidates range from database companies to basic manufacturing businesses. "The first acquisition will be crucial," Mr Klein said. "It will set the tone for everything to follow."

Hambros is a minority investor in the project, Blueprint rents space at the bank's Tower Hill office, Mr Klein remains a director, and Christopher Sporborg, deputy chairman of Hambros, chairs Getty Investment Holdings. Blueprint says that the Chinese walls are in place as its venture gets under way.

Unilever to cut back on brands

BY OUR CITY STAFF

UNILEVER plans to shed up to 20 per cent of its vast product portfolio to try to concentrate resources on its leading brands.

A spokesman for the Anglo-Dutch food-to-detergent group said yesterday that investment would be channelled into brands such as Persil, Wall's and Birds Eye, which are first or second in their markets, and there would be a gradual clearing-out of the tail end of weaker brands.

Brand owners have faced growing pressure on margins in recent years amid competition from supermarket's own-label goods and other brands. Brand leaders' traditional price premiums have been whittled away in many sectors as brand companies have fought price competition from tertiary brands and own-label goods. Companies have had to spend more on advertising. Unilever last year invested £3 billion on it worldwide.

Unilever already has its John West food canning business for sale at £50 million.

Post Office deal will close half of gas showrooms

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

POST OFFICE Counters has agreed a deal that will enable the 18 million customers of British Gas to pay their bills through its network of 20,000 post offices.

The deal, expected to be announced on Thursday, is a vital step in the Post Office's programme to raise the income of beleaguered sub-post offices, whose income from the Benefits Agency is likely to run down gradually over the next few years as more payments are credited to bank and building society accounts.

As a direct result of the contract, however, British Gas is planning to close nearly half of its 425 high street gas showrooms as part of a radical overhaul of its retail business to concentrate on profitable sales of gas appliances. Cedric Brown, the chief executive, had hoped to sell the showrooms as a separate business but no suitable buyer could be found.

Many gas showrooms are uneconomic and kept open only to allow smaller customers to make over-the-counter payments. Customers will not have to pay a charge to pay their bills at post offices.

Last year, British Gas achieved about £500 million in sales of gas appliances. Downsizing the chain, which will take place over the next two years, will incur the loss of more than 1,000 jobs among 4,000 retail employees. These cuts are included among the 25,000 job losses over a five-year period announced by British Gas last February. The company has already absorbed the cost of this rationalisation in a £1.65 billion restructuring charge which all but wiped out operating profits of £1.68 billion last year.

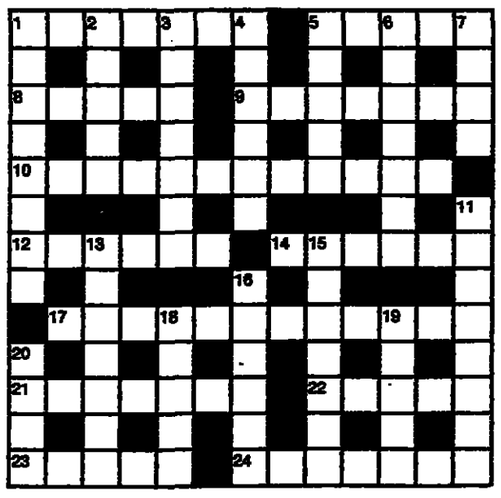


Brown: profit hopes

The reorganisation is the largest undertaken by British Gas since privatisation in 1986. The changes aimed at moving towards separate management of each of its five main business areas follows last year's monopolies commission enquiry.

Uneconomic rural post offices and urban sub-post offices are thought to receive a cross subsidy from within Post Office Counters of about £30 million a year. About 200 offices a year close because no sub-postmaster can be persuaded to take them on.

Political fears that the network, the biggest in the country, might shrink drastically have proved a stumbling block to privatisation of the Post Office.



TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 129

ACROSS
1 Compensation for rescued vessel (7)
5 Trespass for game (5)
8 Similar (5)
9 Chart (7)
10 Chemical added to keep food fresh (12)
12 Remove explosive trigger (6)
14 Segment of wheel rim (6)
17 Main female panto role (9,3)
21 One seizing power (7)
22 Greedy; child's toe (5)
23 Sickly (5)
24 Offering a pleasant odour (7)

DOWN
1 Mass rush (8)
2 River through Orleans, Tours (5)
3 Not appearing to get older (7)
4 Curly lettuce (6)
5 An infiltrated person (5)
6 One newly come (7)
7 Song of praise (4)
11 Naively trusting (a boyfriend) (4-4)
13 Recipe; precise rule (7)
15 Instance (7)
16 Lemon, orange etc. tree (6)
18 Fast and manoeuvrable (5)
19 Highly-opinionated person (5)
20 Come too fast (to conclusion) (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 128

ACROSS: 7 Easy 8 Opponent 9 Humorous 10 Toys 11 Advent 13 Doddle 15 Bypass 17 Chancy 19 Oral 21 Easterly 23 Insecure 24 Last

DOWN: 1 Saturday 2 Bygone 3 Solo 4 Episodic 5 United 6 Only 12 Tasteful 14 Luckless 16 Asleep 18 Aged-old 20 Runt 22 Sped

EASTER JUMBO CROSSWORD SOLUTION

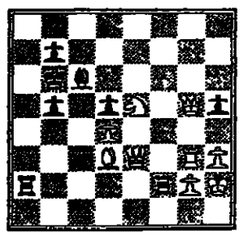
ACROSS: 1 Medical ethics 8 Guaranteeing 15 Cock and bull 16 Elegiac 17 Bruiser 18 Dulcimer 19 Master of ceremonies 21 Marquisate 23 One-liner 24 Austral 26 Sited 27 Macbeth 28 Artwork 29 Yacht 31 Non-graduate 32 Rollmop 34 Nettles 36 Chancellor of the Exchequer 42 International grandmaster 47 Protean 49 Plastic 52 Equilibrium 53 Solid 55 Glanced 57 Roosted 58 Untie 59 Exhibit 61 Tommy-rot 62 Five-a-sides 65 Skull and crossbones 66 Apollyon 69 Oversea 70 Bravura 71 Pen portrait 72 Prince Regent 73 Entre-Deux-Mers

DOWN: 1 Macadamising 2 Decelerating 3 Coati 4 Ladders 5 True 6 In leaf 7 Sheet anchor 8 Guerrilla 9 Ad infinitum 10 Arc de Triomphe 11 Table napkin 12 Emulously 13 Nastier 14 Proselytisers 20 Stockade 22 Undercharge 25 Medellin 27 Madonna 30 Call up 33 Lifer 35 Thereabouts 37 Relit 38 Hanger-on 39 Castled 40 Dispossession 41 Stroll 43 Impracticable 44 Mountain 45 Birthday cake 46 Impersonates 48 Nightingale 50 Accommodate 51 Corroborate 54 Dabbles in 56 Dry as dust 60 Hauteur 63 Explode 64 Teapot 67 Latex 68 Ante

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Vaiser - Adianto, Tilburg 1993. Black has great pressure on the seventh rank with his pair of rooks. How does he capitalise on this?



Solution, page 34

Raymond Keene, page 8

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

FEUTE
a. A disgusting smell
b. A pink granite
c. The track or spoor of an animal

GODIVOE
a. A kind of mince
b. An erratic airstream
c. A Finnish fjord

QUIDNUNC
a. A jokester
b. A gossip or stickybeak
c. A secondary river tributary

SNIDDLE
a. A wimp or sneak
b. To jeer
c. Coarse grass

Answers on page 34

C&W sets its sights on Russian network

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

LORD Young of Graffham, chairman of Cable and Wireless, has opened the battle for control of Peterstar, the successful telephone company serving St Petersburg, Russia.

Peterstar was set up and is chaired by Gordon Owen, who developed the Mercury telephone network but who was passed over when Lord Young took the top job at C&W. He was managing director when Sir Eric Sharp stepped down from the chairmanship and had been seen as the heir. But Lord Young, Trade Secretary in the Thatcher Government, secured the post and Mr Owen was among the first to go.

C&W is about to make a bid for control of the Canadian company Petersburg Long Distance (PLD) after last week paying nearly US$40 million for a 25.1 per cent stake, industry sources said. C&W's main target is not PLD, but the 59 per cent interest the company holds in Peterstar.

C&W has been forced to focus on PLD because its own St Petersburg venture, BCL, which provides international communications through a dedicated network, has been outshone by Peterstar's success.

In its strategic expansion in the Baltic region, of which St Petersburg is the biggest city, C&W has taken an interest in Tele2 in Sweden.

It has also become involved in the modernisation and privatisation of Latvia's telecommunication system. In Latvia, it is in partnership with Finnish Telecommunications.

RETIREMENT PLANNING

We have been advising our clients nationwide since 1979 on how best to achieve their financial objectives. Capital growth and an increasing income during retirement are essential to keep pace with inflation. Our Brochure *simply* describes many of the different investments available today. It can help *you* decide where to focus your attention.

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVICE FIMBRA

YRA

Young Ridgway & Associates Limited
Freepost: 10 Borelli Yard, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7BR Tel: 0252 727122

FINANCIAL CARE FOR RETIREMENT

Please send me a FREE copy of your brochure.
Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss) _____
Address _____
_____
_____ RPLDTT 04/04/94
Postcode _____
Telephone No _____